

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

And Reports of the Various Departments

OF THE

TOWN OF BILLERICA,

For the Year Ending Feb. 29, 1896.

LOWELL, MASS.
MORNING MAIL CO., PRINTERS,
1896.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

And Reports of the Various Departments

OF THE

TOWN OF BILLERICA,

For the Year Ending Feb. 29, 1896.

LOWELL, MASS.:
MORNING MAIL CO., PRINTERS,
1896.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen.

FRANKLIN JAQUITH, EDWARD B. HASKELL,
JOHN E. ROWELL.

Town Clerk.

HERBERT A. KING.

Town Treasurer.

JOHN A. RICHARDSON.

Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

SEARS J. COOK, J. E. ROWELL,
COBURN S. SMITH.

Board of Registrars.

H. A. KING, ex-officio, ARTHUR W. HOLDEN,
JOHN HARRINGTON, EDWARD L. McMAHON.

Board of Health.

DR. C. E. HOSMER, DR. JOHN B. TYLER,
J. E. ROWELL.

Engineers of Fire Department.

H. W. SHELDON, E. B. HASKELL,
E. W. LIVINGSTON.

School Committee.

DR. O. A. FLINT, REV. J. N. PARDEE,
REV. W. W. NASON.

Collector of Taxes.

ALBERT H. JONES.

Superintendent of Streets.

GEORGE C CROSBY.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

JAMES C. PARKER.

Cattle Inspector.

WILLIAM H. HUTCHINS.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

SIDNEY A. BULL.

Constables.

MARTIN CONWAY, E. W. LIVINGSTON.

*Public Weighers.*W. C. PHILLIPS, MILO HUTCHINS,
J. E. BLODGETT.*Field Drivers.*FREEMAN SMITH, MARTIN CONWAY, Jr.,
ISAAC HOPKINSON, JOHN MURPHY.*Surveyors of Wood.*J. E. ROWELL, E. W. LIVINGSTON,
C. H. PARKER, J. F. BRUCE,
VOLUNTINE ROLLINS, H. M. HUTCHINS,
GEO. E. SIMONDS, W. F. SYMMES,
CHARLES A. WRIGHT, M. C. MURPHY.*Auditors.*ERASTUS B. COLBY, SIDNEY BULL,
RICHARD T. PERRY.*Fence Viewers.*F. JAQUITH, E. B. HASKELL,
J. E. ROWELL.*Keeper of the Lockups.*

MARTIN CONWAY, Jr., E. W. LIVINGSTON,

Pound Keeper.

CHARLES W. SPROWL.

Sexton.

ALBERT STEARNS.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

The past year has been the most eventful one for a long time in the history of the town. The completion and dedication of the new Town Hall gives the town a building that has long been needed, and, with the Union Hall and Talbot's Memorial Building at North Billerica, this town will compare very favorably with other county towns in regard to public halls.

The Lowell and Suburban Street Railway Company have extended their tracks to the Centre, and there are good prospects of continuing them to Burlington and Woburn line the coming season and in the near future to Bedford.

A franchise was granted to the Reading and Lowell Street Railway Company from Billerica Centre to Wilmington line. Although it was not expected the cars would run before spring, the company was able to build the road and run the cars through the winter.

The highway from Sprague bridge to Chelmsford line has been widened and straightened, as ordered by the County Commissioners, and the road accepted by them. The road from the Fordway bridge to Jones' Corner has been laid out by the Commissioners and the bounds established. An appropriation will be asked for to complete the work.

The question of asking for a State highway in or through the town is being agitated. This is of so much importance that it seems proper to us that the town should express some opinion on the subject: In 1890 an act was passed by the Legislature [chap. 196] relative to preserving ornamental and shade trees. The Selectmen are authorized to designate trees within the limits of the

highways for the purpose of ornament and shade, and that they shall annually designate such trees as have been selected by them by driving into the same a nail or spike with a head with the letter "M" impressed upon it.

(Section 3 of the act): [Whoever wantonly injures, defaces or destroys any trees thus designated, or any of said nails or spikes affixed to such trees, shall forfeit not less than five (\$5) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100). This duty has been attended to during the past year by the Selectmen.

The cost of repairing our highways in many sections of the town is very great, owing to the scarcity of good gravel, making it a question whether it will not be economy for the town to purchase a stone crusher, paying for it by installments out of the annual appropriations for the highways.

An appropriation was made at the last annual town meeting for improving the street by the Faulkner Manufacturing Company's mills. It was found the work could not be done without exceeding the sum raised, and it was decided to await further action of the town.

Last May, while at work on the Lowell road, near Chelmsford, a telegraph pole fell on James McGee. Afterwards he claimed that he was injured and asked for damages from the town. Acting under advice given by counsel, we declined to offer any settlement. He has since brought suit against the town for \$5000.

FRANKLIN JAQUITH.

E. B. HASKELL.

JOHN E. ROWELL.

Selectmen of Billerica.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

There are eight inmates at Town Farm. There have been two deaths during the year, Jerome B. Stearns and Berona L. Quimby. No. of tramps lodged, 329.

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

To appraisal of personal property, Feb. 14,		
1895.....	\$4,404	10
Paid by Superintendent to Treasurer.....	2,668	10
	\$7,072	20
To appraisal of personal property, Feb. 13,		
1896.....	\$4,277	95
Paid by Superintendent to Treasurer.....	1,731	08
	\$6,009	03
Balance against almshouse.....	\$1,063	17

SEARS J. COOK,
COBURN S. SMITH,
JOHN E. ROWELL,

Overseers of the Poor.

EXPENSES AT TOWN FARM.

MARCH, 1895.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife, superintendent and matron..	\$42	00
Wm. Robbins, labor.....	12	00
Wm. H. Spaulding & Co., paints and oil.....	4	51
P. M. Jefferson & Co., soap.....	9	85
Bartlett & Dow, hardware.....	1	86
E. Baker, killing hogs.....	4	32
T. M. O'Niel, groceries.....	4	20
Gay & Waterhouse, grain.....	33	67
Sundry bill.....	2	55
	\$114	96

APRIL.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife	\$42 00
Wm. Robbins, labor	18 00
Emma Payne, labor	4 72
James Black, labor	15 00
James Smith, painting, etc	7 50
A. Piersons, blacksmith	4 55
E. N. McCoy, repairing wagon and sled	5 29
W. W. Rawson & Co., seeds	4 65
J. E. Conant & Co., one chair	2 50
Wm. L. Goss, coffin, etc	15 50
Offutt & Whitaker, oil cloth	1 50
Gay & Waterhouse, fertilizer and grain	41 94
Hutchins & Wilson, groceries and grain	20 51
F. A. Morey, groceries	20 39
Dr. O. A. Flint, medical attendance 1895	37 50
J. H. Gregory, seeds	4 00
Sundry small bills	9 37
	<hr/>
	\$254 92

MAY.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife	\$42 00
Wm. Rollins, labor	8 05
Patrick Murphy, labor	18 00
Wm. Egan, labor	8 50
Mrs. Isabella Barnes, labor	6 50
David Kennedy and wife, labor	16 16
Franklin Hart, labor	5 25
Mrs. S. M. Earle, nursing	10 00
Mrs. J. E. Manning, nursing	10 00
S. E. Beard, pigs	14 00
Albert Wheeler & Co., liquors	4 00
Talbot Chemical Co., potash	3 00
Wm. Rawson & Co., sweet potatoes	2 00
George Marshall, one cow	26 00
Owen Murningham, tomato plants	4 50
O. A. Flint, manure	4 00
W. H. Spaulding, paints and oil	9 99
H. C. Brown, tinware	3 85

Paid Valentine Rollins, one cow.....	\$50 00
Dr. W. A. Sherman.....	2 00
George D. Foristall, beet weeder.....	17 60
Sundry bills.....	11 06
	<hr/>
	\$276 46

JUNE.

Paid J. C. Baker and wife.....	\$42 00
Jennie Robinson, labor.....	5 00
Frank Hart, labor.....	22 00
Patrick Murphy, labor.....	18 00
Albert Perries, labor... ..	14 00
Gay & Waterhouse, grain.....	34 60
W. C. Phillips, grain.....	21 35
J. A. Baker, fish.....	8 28
Swett & Co., labor bureau.....	1 00
W. C. Phillips, grain.....	6 45
Johnson Bros., meat.....	4 45
Bartlett & Dow, hardware.....	13 41
J. P. Stewart, blacksmith.....	85
T. M. Harrigan, labor.....	3 00
N. G. Egan, shoes.....	2 60
Lowell Rendering Co.....	35 07
Sundry bills.	7 50
	<hr/>
	\$239 57

JULY.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Patrick Murphy, labor.....	18 00
Annie McIves, labor.....	9 00
Albert Perrice, labor.....	11 90
John Harrington, labor....	12 00
Putnam & Son. clothing.....	2 35
J. F. Bruce, oil, etc.....	3 77
E. Wood & Co., grain.....	30 07
Haynes, Hanchet & Co., butter.....	4 14
Albert Stearns, undertaker.....	3 00
Gay & Waterhouse, fertilizers.....	16 50

Paid T. M. O'Niel, groceries.....	\$19 25
Mrs. J. Perry, flour, etc.....	9 14
Arthur Cook, furniture.....	11 00
Sundry bills.....	11 25
	<hr/>
	\$203 37

AUGUST.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Annie McIves, labor.....	13 29
Patrick Murphy, labor.....	13 30
Frank Hart, labor.....	25 00
S. K. Dexter, flour and butter.....	14 60
Davis & Sargent, boxes.....	3 00
Bartlett & Dow, hardware.....	12 50
John A. Wienbeck, undertaker.....	23 00
W. C. Phillips, coal and grain.....	89 24
F. A. Morev, fertilizers.....	74 63
W. H. Spaulding & Co., paints.....	4 37
Putnam & Son, clothing.....	2 00
Sundry small bills.....	9 58
	<hr/>
	\$326 16

SEPTEMBER.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Annie McIves, labor.....	7 72
James Chambers, labor.....	18 00
Patrick Murphy, labor.....	1 50
Frank Hart, labor.....	25 00
D. F. Kennedy and wife, labor.....	1 50
John Harrington, labor.....	6 00
E. N. McCoy, repairing ploughs.....	2 00
Johnson Bros., hams.....	1 82
Mike McGlone, standing grass.....	16 00
Swett & Co., employment bureau.....	1 00
Jos. Flynn, butter.....	2 80
Offutt & Pierce, carpet.....	28 00
Holden Bros., meat, etc.....	76 07
Sundry bills.....	5 98
	<hr/>
	\$235 39

OCTOBER.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Edward Lee, labor.....	18 70
Frank Hart, labor.....	29 00
Wm. H. Spaulding & Co., paint and oil.....	1 68
S. K. Chase, groceries.....	4 70
E. N. Wood & Co., grain.....	13 57
Putnam & Son, clothing.....	92
Wm. H. Parker & Sons, manure.....	27 57
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain.....	27 21
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain.....	15 78
Wm. H. Hutchings, pasturing cattle.....	10 00
Hugh Gildee, manure.....	5 00
Sundry bills.....	12 42
	<hr/>
	\$208 55

NOVEMBER.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Edward Lee, labor.....	18 00
Hutchins & Wilson, groceries.....	94 01
John F. Murphy, one pig.....	5 50
W. Shedd, pasturing cattle.....	32 00
W. C. Phillips, grain.....	32 27
S. C. Shirley, medicines.....	12 50
Johnson Bros., ham.....	2 04
Lowell Rendering Company Fertilizers.....	7 50
M. V. B. Dickey, labor.....	8 75
C. L. Smith, cabbage.....	3 00
Sundry bills.....	4 75
	<hr/>
	\$262 36

DECEMBER.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Edward Lee, labor.....	18 00
M. V. Dickey, labor.....	10 00
Maggie Kerr, labor.....	6 86
J. G. Birtwell, meat.....	5 00

Paid F. A. Morey, groceries.....	\$8 28
J. E. Rowell, use of bull.....	12 00
J. E. Rowell, shorts.....	88 20
Bartlett & Dow, hardware.....	2 95
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain.....	33 18
Hill & Proctor, repairing horse power.....	30 00
Sundry bills.....	2 25
	<hr/>
	\$258 72

JANUARY, 1896.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Edward Lee, labor.....	17 25
Albert Marshall.....	6 84
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain.....	39 81
Robert Barris, repairing harness, etc.....	21 10
J. G. Birtwell, meat.....	4 52
Mrs. J. Perry, groceries.....	15 14
F. W. Cheney, hardware.....	15 75
Wm. H. Spaulding, paints and oil.....	2 03
Hutchins & Wilson, groceries.	11 05
Baptist Society, pew rent.....	5 00
E. F. Dickinson, making cider.....	2 60
T. M. O'Niel, groceries.....	18 03
Sundry bills.....	2 93
	<hr/>
	\$204 05

FEBRUARY.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife.....	\$42 00
Albert Marshall, labor.....	10 00
Dennis Murphy, labor.....	3 00
J. O. Richardson, law bill.....	18 14
For Lowell Journal.....	1 50
A. Parsons, blacksmith bill.....	14 60
A. O. Dane, blacksmith bill.....	15 95
F. A. Morey, grain.....	38 00
Bill of items.....	45
	<hr/>
	\$143 64

SALES AT TOWN FARM.

MARCH, 1895.

Received for milk.....	\$100 46
board.....	52 69
poultry.....	2 55
vegetables.....	1 25
	<hr/>
	\$156 95

APRIL.

Received for milk.....	\$110 08
eggs.....	22 05
1 cow.....	22 00
labor.....	7 00
vegetables.....	2 30
	<hr/>
	\$163 43

MAY.

Received for milk.....	\$73 82
poultry and eggs.....	9 48
vegetables.....	2 48
sundries.....	2 40
	<hr/>
	\$88 18

JUNE.

Received for milk.....	\$74 46
labor.....	7 50
fruit.....	8 00
1 calf.....	2 00
vegetables.....	10 20
poultry and eggs.....	4 83
	<hr/>
	\$106 99

JULY.

Received for milk.....	\$71 83
Boston advertising co.....	7 50
for hay.....	15 84
fruit.....	5 45
eggs.....	1 58
vegetables.....	14 31
	<hr/>
	\$116 51

AUGUST.

Received for milk.....	\$63 55
vegetables.....	42 78
eggs.....	1 40
	<hr/>
	\$107 73

SEPTEMBER.

Received for milk.....	53 09
vegetables.....	127 16
straw.....	7 00
labor.....	10 50
eggs.....	60
	<hr/>
	\$198 35

OCTOBER.

Received for milk.....	\$42 45
calves.....	11 50
labor.....	4 00
poultry and eggs.....	10 62
straw.....	8 27
vegetables.....	40 20
	<hr/>
	\$117 04

NOVEMBER.

Received for milk.....	\$47 95
cows and calves.....	109 00
labor.....	2 00
eggs.....	40 20
vegetables.....	35 63
	<hr/>
	\$234 78

DECEMBER.

Received for milk.....	\$83 09
vegetables.....	18 05
poultry and eggs.....	5 54
sundries.....	5 00
calf.....	9 00
	<hr/>
	\$120 68

JANUARY, 1896.

Received for milk.....	\$93 04
labor.....	3 75
vegetables.....	1 43
calves.....	10 00
wood.....	28 70
poultry.....	75
	<hr/>
	\$137 67

FEBRUARY.

Received for eggs and poultry.....	\$5 75
milk.....	117 47
lumber.....	50 63
vegetables.....	2 80
labor.....	1 00
straw.....	5 12
	<hr/>
	\$182 77

APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN
FARM—FEBRUARY, 14, 1896.

Fourteen cows.....	\$570 00
Two heifers.....	45 00
One bull.....	25 00
Two calves.....	10 00
Three horses.....	375 00
Twenty-eight tons of hay.....	530 00
One and one-half tons of straw.....	24 00
Twenty-three tons of ensilage.....	100 00
Grain.....	126 50
Two swine.....	25 00
Fourteen bushels of beans.....	21 00
Three and one-half tons of coal.....	21 00
Vegetables.....	11 00
Potatoes and apples....	52 00
Garden seeds.....	5 00
Manure.....	210 00
Wood.....	110 00
Lumber.....	60 00
Ice.....	60 00

Covered and Concord wagons.....	\$50 00
One market wagon.....	70 00
One two-horse wood wagon.....	75 00
One one-horse farm wagon.....	50 00
Three carts.....	145 00
Manure spreader.....	30 00
One pung.....	20 00
Two sleds.....	30 00
One hundred and sixty hens.....	120 00
Harnesses.....	65 00
Blankets and lap robes.....	25 00
One horse power.....	40 00
Ensilage cutter and carrier.....	75 00
Corn planter and seed sower.....	20 00
Mowing machine.....	25 00
One hay tedder.....	30 00
One horse rake.....	10 00
One weeder.....	15 00
One horse fork, rope and carrier.....	30 00
One derrick, blocks and ropes.....	75 00
Ice tools.....	8 00
Wheels, baskets, boxes and bags.....	35 00
Farming tools.....	160 00
Chest and tools.....	8 00
Paint, stock and brushes.....	7 00
Vinegar and casks.....	50 25
Provisions.....	31 00
Groceries.....	46 20
Drugs and medicines.....	5 00
Furniture in superintendent's rooms.....	115 00
Furniture in inmates department.....	195 00
Blankets and comforters.....	25 00
Sheets, table linen and towels.....	25 00
Kitchen furniture and cooking utensils.....	75 00
Earthen glass and stone ware.....	30 00
Knives, forks and spoons.....	10 00
Lanterns, lamps, oil and cans.....	10 00
Milk dishes.....	10 00
Contents of attic.....	40 00
Contents of tramp house.....	12 00

OUTSIDE RELIEF.

Paid Worcester Lunatic Hospital, board of Mary Morrissey.....	\$169 46
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, board of Elizabeth Kintrea.....	75 22
aid to Deras Quimby and wife.....	27 04
one-half funeral expenses of Mrs. Josiah Richardson.....	15 00
aid to Mrs. William Kiley and niece.....	162 51
James B. Doyle.....	127 40
John C. McPhee.....	6 50
Mrs. Mara Russell.....	15 25
medical attendance for George Chamberlin.....	20 85
aid to Lawrence Bohonnan.....	7 50
Samuel Hobbs & Co., printing notices.....	2 50
to Dr. O. A. Flint for professional services and medicine to town's poor, to March 31, 1895.....	37 50
aid to Mrs. Fliza Patio.....	37 50
John Bohonan.....	9 00
Henry Hellsweth and family.....	8 00
Mrs. Patrick O'Hare and family.....	20 84
John Houlton.....	2 00
Michael Collins.....	3 50
medical attendance for Josephine Austin.....	51 90
medical attendance for Wm. Austin, Jr., and family.....	11 75
medical attendance and board and clothing for Wm. Austin, Sr.....	100 93
aid for Robert C. Smith.....	9 50
aid, board and clothing for Harris children.....	297 38
aid for Patrick Robinson.....	34 17
medical attendance for Mrs. Fred Howett.....	27 25
medical attendance for Fred Howett.....	19 75

Paid aid for Mrs. Annie Aham.....	220 41	
medical attendance for E. B. Kittredge.....	33 00	
Total.....	\$1,553 61	
Cash received from State of Massachusetts and various cities and towns.....	\$591 98	
Bills due from other towns.....	210 56	
		802 54
		<u>\$751 07</u>

Appropriation, \$1,200. Balance not expended, \$397 46.

SEARS J. COOK.

JOHN E. ROWELL.

COBURN S. SMITH.

Overseers of the, Poor.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1893.

Balance uncollected.....	\$651 96	
Interest collected.....	52 31	
Total.....	\$704 27	
Paid treasurer.....	677 19	
Balance uncollected.....	\$27 08	
Abatements, 1893.....	64 77	

1894.

Balance uncollected.....	\$3967 48	
Interest collected.....	77 43	
Total.....	\$4044 91	
Paid treasurer.....	3093 78	
Balance uncollected.....	\$951 13	
Abatements, 1894.....	142 24	

H. C. BROWN,

Collector for Years 1893 and 1894.

HIGHWAYS.

BILLERICA, Feb. 1, 1896.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Billerica :

I have been requested by your chairman to make a report of the work done on the highway the past year.

Began work April 1, and gravelled the main road in front of Dane's blacksmith shop and from the Davis place to Mrs. Woods.

At East Billerica widened and gravelled quite a large piece near Richardson School-house, and on the Depot Road leading from the Centre to East Billerica gravelled from near J. S. Holt's to the old Salem Road and some on the Wilmington Road, gravelled the hill from the Underhill Place down to the foot.

Spent two weeks with scraper and men scraping in the ruts and raking stones.

Went over most of the roads three times during the summer and raked stones.

Gravelled a long piece from near W. Hutchin's on the Lowell road to the foot of the hill.

Gravelled some at the North and patched up different places. Did a large job at the new bridge, widened, straightened, stoned and gravelled from the bridge to the top of the hill.

Gravelled a large piece from Jones' Corner to Main Road, and put in a culvert.

Gravelled Farmers' Lane, gravelled in front of Town Hall from Dane's to Morey's store.

Gravelled a short piece near E. W. Livingston's house.

Stoned and gravelled a piece near B. F. Crosby's, gravelled Mitchell's Hill.

Stoned and gravelled a piece in Stewart's Lane.

Stoned and gravelled the road at South Billerica from John Shephard's through the woods, put in two culverts on the same, stoned and gravelled a piece near the Fowler Place.

Stoned and gravelled a piece near Frank Bowman's, gravelled a piece on the Turnpike.

Blasted out rocks in the road, cut brush, laid over five culverts, repaired three bridges, have laid about eight hundred feet of paved gutter.

Besides this, I have earned with town teams \$160.00 for work done at the Town Hall.

GEORGE C. CROSBY,

Superintendent.

HIGHWAY EXPENSES.

Appropriations \$5,000.00.

MARCH.

Paid J. F. Buckley and others, snow bill.....	\$16 30
Isaac Hopkinson, snow bill.....	13 60
George C. Crosby, superintendent.....	50 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster.....	36 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	36 00
John Stahle, laborer	10 50
Geo. C. Crosby, express and telegraph.....	2 45
L. H. Brockway, horse.....	100 00
	<hr/>
	\$264 95

APRIL.

Paid George C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$50 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	36 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster.....	36 00
P. W. Tully, 11 1-2 days	12 12
J. Newell, 20 days.....	35 00
J. Stahle, 20 days.....	35 00
J. Green, 12 days.....	21 00
S. Pollard, 2 days.....	3 50
E. Miller, 4 days.....	7 00
J. Stahle, 162 loads gravel.	8 10
B. Nugan, 4 days.....	7 00

Paid Joseph Pasho, snow.....	\$14 40
Gay & Waterhouse, grain.....	16 40
F. A. Morey, supplies.....	44 09
C. S. Smith, gravel.....	100 00
	<hr/>
	\$425 61

MAY.

Paid S. Spencer, snow bill.....	\$3 60
G. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	50 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	36 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster.....	36 00
J. Newell, 23 3-4 days.....	41 56
J. Green 23 3-4 days.....	41 56
J. Stahle, 24 3-4 days.....	43 31
T. McElligott, 1 day.....	1 75
Geo. P. Greenwood, snow.....	18 70
J. N. Pardee, snow.....	1 00
W. H. Marston, snow.....	70
F. A. Morey, hay and grain.....	71 22
Alfred Marston, snow.....	1 00
Chester Duran, snow.....	70
W. A. Sherman, medical attendance.....	6 00
S. J. Burton, hay.....	11 22
	<hr/>
	\$364 32

JUNE.

Paid O. A. Fletcher, hay.....	\$9 60
S. J. Burton, hay.....	12 70
Geo. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	50 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	36 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster.....	36 00
J. Stahle, 19 1-2 days.....	34 13
B. Bohonan, 10 1-2 days.....	18 38
M. McElligott, 10 1-2 days.....	18 38
J. Newell, 20 1-2 days.....	35 88
J. Green, 12 1-2 days.....	21 88
J. F. Bruce, sundries.....	1 19
W. H. Sexton, shoeing.....	23 50
H. S. Harris & Co., 1 pair horses.....	222 50
	<hr/>
	\$520 23

JULY.

Paid Geo. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$50 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	36 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster.....	36 00
J. Stahle, 25 days.....	43 75
J. Newell, 25 days.....	43 75
J. Breen, 25 days.....	43 75
M. McElligott, 25 days.....	43 75
Town Farm, Straw.....	7 00
S. H. King, 79 loads gravel.....	3 95
Geo. C. Crosby, delivering horse from Boston.....	3 25
J. E. Rowell, use of horse.....	15 87
Mrs. J. Shepherd, hanging lantern.....	1 00
	<hr/>
	\$328 07

AUGUST.

Paid Geo. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$50 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	36 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster.....	36 00
J. Stahle, 25 1-2 days.....	44 63
J. Newell, 25 1-2 days.....	44 63
M. McElligott, 25 1-2 days.....	44 63
J. Green, 12 1-2 days.....	21 88
Geo. C. Crosby, with team.....	8 00
E. W. Livingston, gravel.....	7 80
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain, etc.....	47 46
W. A. Sherman, medical attendance.....	2 50
Thompson Hardware Co., supplies.....	3 21
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain.....	61 78
Fred. A. Morey, supplies.....	33 73
Geo. E. Stearns, gravel.....	12 00
Fred. H. Parker, post.....	20
	<hr/>
	\$454 45

SEPTEMBER.

Paid Geo. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$50 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	36 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster.....	36 00
J. Stahle, 11 1-2 days.....	20 13

Paid J. Newell, 11 1-2 days.....	\$20 13
M. McElligott, 11 1-4 days.....	20 13
E. W. Livingston, repairs.....	49 00
William Stewart, labor.....	4 00
Fred A. Morey, goods.....	20 14
J. D. Runnels, labor.....	16 70
Warren Fitch, labor.....	61
A. Pasho, labor.....	2 00
H. A. King, supplies.....	12 86
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain.....	31 39
	<hr/>
	\$319 09

OCTOBER.

Paid Geo. C. Crosby, Superintendent.....	\$50 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	36 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster.....	36 00
J. Stahle, 23 1-2 days.....	41 63
J. Newell, 24 1-2 days.....	42 88
M. McElligott, 24 1-2 days.....	42 88
T. Messer, 7 1-2 hours.....	1 50
Ed Manning, 1 day with team.....	4 00
J. E. Rowell, lumber.....	17 50
A. O. Dane, blacksmith.....	18 60
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain.....	34 00
C. E. Hosmer, gravel.....	12 70
Ed Manning, hay.....	23 75
John Stahle, gravel.....	8 85
	<hr/>
	\$370 29

NOVEMBER.

Paid Geo. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$50 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	36 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster.....	27 70
J. Stahle, 14 days.....	24 50
J. Newell, 15 days.....	26 25
M. McElligott, 15 days.....	26 25
M. A. Dodge, hay.....	37 44
Ed. Manning, teaming hay.....	2 00
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain.....	33 68
Andrew Hackett, labor.....	2 00
	<hr/>
	\$264 82

DECEMBER.

Paid George C. Crosby, Superintendent.....	\$50 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	36 00
J. L. Simpson, ".....	36 00
J. Stahle, 22 1-2 days.....	39 38
J. Newell, ".....	39 38
M. McElligott, 22 1-2 days.....	39 38
C. W. Parsons, labor.....	4 50
W. F. Symmes, lumber.....	6 13
M. McElman, paving.....	69 17
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain.....	24 65
C. F. Barker, printing sign boards.....	4 86
W. H. Sexton, shoeing.....	48 02
	<hr/>
	\$394 47

JANUARY.

Paid George C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$50 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	36 00
J. L. Simpson, ".....	36 00
J. Stahle, 23 days.....	40 25
J. Newell, ".....	40 25
M. McElligott, 23 days.....	40 25
J. C. Parker, straw.....	5 12
H. C. Brown, repairs.....	4 20
W. C. Phillips & Co., grain.....	37 16
J. D. Runnels, labor.....	4 60
W. Alexander, snow, 1895.....	9 00
Fred A. Morey, sundries.....	14 34
Alfred Brown, hay.....	14 80
	<hr/>
	\$331 97

FEBRUARY.

Paid Geo. C. Crosby, superintendent.....	\$50 00
W. M. Batchelder, teamster.....	36 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster.....	36 00
J. Stahle, 18 days.....	31 50
J. Newell, 18 days.....	31 50
M. McElligott, 18 days.....	31 50

Paid Coburn S. Smith, gravel.....	\$150 00
S. W. Holden, sundries.....	13 97
Edwin Manning, straw.....	4 77
E. B. Haskell, hay.....	53 48
W. C. Phillips, grain.....	30 10
A. O. Dane, blacksmith	23 25
W. H. Sexton, blacksmith.....	15 16
J. W. Essex, gravel	3 30
Joseph Jaquith, wheelbarrow.....	1 50
Staples Bros., pipe.....	20 45
	<hr/>
	\$532 48

Special appropriation for highways, \$800.

MAY, 1895.

Paid J. Norman, 4 1-4 days' work.....	\$6 37
W. McDonough, 9 3-4 days' work.....	14 62
L. Spencer, labor.....	6 00
J. Norman, "	9 75
B. Bohonan, "	15 00
J. Haggett, "	13 50
M. Dickey, "	15 00
J. Magee. "	10 32
G. C. Crosby.....	36 00
Walter Sutcliffe.....	40 00
E. Spaulding.....	32 00
	<hr/>
	\$198 56

JUNE.

Paid Geo. C. Crosby, 21 1-4 days with team.....	\$85 00
E. Spaulding, 24 1-4 " "	97 00
W. Sutcliffe, " " "	97 00
E. Spencer, 3 days.....	4 50
B. Bohonan, 22 3-4 days.....	34 13
J. Asslen, 17 3-4 days.....	26 63
J. Campbell, 9 3-4 days.....	14 63
J. Hackett, 3 days.....	4 50

Paid M. Dickey, 24 1-4 days.....	\$36 38
J. Clonquise, 18 3-4 days.....	28 13
J. Magee, one-half day.....	75
G. C. Crosby.....	46 00
	<hr/>
	\$474 65

JULY.

Paid Prentiss Webster, gravel....	\$50 00
F. H. Parker, posts.....	3 75
	<hr/>
	\$53 75

OCTOBER.

Paid Town of Billerica.....	\$11 50
-----------------------------	---------

BILLERICA SINKING FUND COM- MISSIONERS' REPORT.

The amount of the bonds issued by the town on account of debt incurred in building new Town Hall is \$30,000.

Thirty bonds of \$1,000 each dated April 1, 1894, bearing interest at 4 per cent. semi-annually, with coupons attached, payable at the Mercantile Loan and Trust Co., Boston, April 1 and October 1 each year. Bonds to run 25 years and will be payable April 1, 1919, sold to Brewster, Cobb & Estabrook for \$31,840.67.

April 6, 1895, received of the Town of Billerica \$800, it being the first payment to the Sinking Fund, and loaned the same to the town, receiving a note bearing even date for the amount.

Jan. 4, 1896, received of the town \$824 in payment of note and interest, and deposited the same with the Five Cent Savings Bank, Lowell, Mass.

FREDERIC A. MOREY,
Secretary.

CLERK'S REPORT.

Record of town meetings as required by vote of the town.

TOWN MEETING OF MARCH 18, 1895.

The meeting was called to order by John E. Rowell, chairman of the selectmen.

ARTICLE 1. Chose H. A. King clerk. Sworn by E. B. Haskell.

ART. 2. Chose Thomas Talbot, moderator. Sworn by H. A. King. The moderator appointed as tellers, Joseph Talbot, Samuel Tucker, F. H. Parker. Sworn by moderator.

ART. 3. Dismissed.

ART. 8. Article 8 was taken up after Art. 3, and it was voted that a collector be chosen by ballot on the ballot with the town officers.

ART. 4. Moved by Joseph Jaquith and so voted, that there be chosen one Clerk, one Treasurer, two Selectmen, three Assessors, three Overseers of the Poor, one Collector of Taxes, three members of the Board of Health for one year, and one member of the School Committee for three years, and one member of the Sinking Fund Commissioners for three years.

ART. 5. Voted at 9.45 o'clock a. m., that the polls be opened for town officers and be kept open until 3.30 o'clock p. m.

ART. 6. Chose as Pound Keeper, Charles W. Sprowl.

Field Drivers. Freeman Smith, Isaac Hopkinson, Martin Conway, Jr., John Murphy.

Measurers of Wood and Lumber. John E. Rowell, sworn by H. A. King, March 20; C. H. Parker, Voluntine Rollins, Geo. E. Simmonds, E. W. Livingston, sworn by H. A. King; J. F. Bruce,

H. M. Hutchins, G. H. Harndon. Wm. F. Symmes, Chas. A. Wright, sworn by H. A. King, March 22; M. C. Murphy, sworn by H. A. King, March 21.

Fence Viewers. John E. Rowell, sworn by H. A. King, March 20; Edward B. Haskell, sworn by H. A. King, March 20; Franklin Jaquith, sworn by H. A. King, March 20.

ART. 7. Chose F. H. Parker, member of Bowers Fund Committee for two years.

Chose Geo. P. Greenwood, member of Bowers Fund Committee for five years.

ART. 9. The jury list accepted was as follows: A. O. Dane, C. S. Smith, Ebenezer Baker, Josiah Wright, John E. Bull, Sears J. Cook, Bernard Kearney, George F. Colson, Walter Sutcliffe, Thomas Spaulding, Charles W. Flanders, Roland B. Holden, Henry Shuman, Samuel H. King, John Harrington, John R. Buckley, Geo. F. Harndon, Edwin Manning, John E. Bottomley, Wm. H. Simonds, Thomas Lyons, John B. Stearns, Dennis O'Keefe, Clarence Bowman, Fred H. Parker, Hiram C. Brown, Joseph S. Holt, Voluntine Rollins, Leonard Blood, Albert Stearns, Henry Durant, Joseph H. Call, Amos Cray, Warren Holden.

ART. 10. Shall license be granted, etc. Yes, 16. No, 135.

ART. 11. The reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Auditors and Tax Collector were accepted as printed. Upon report of School Committee, Joseph F. Talbot, H. W. Sheldon, Charles H. Kohlrausch, Jr., Bernard Kearney and Arthur W. Holden were chosen a committee to investigate the need and make recommendation for added school-house accommodations at North Billerica, and report at the next annual meeting. The highway surveyor reported that there was a very bad piece of road between the S. N. Wood place and the Orrin Maybury place. Report of Cattle Inspector and Engineer of Fire Department accepted as printed.

ART. 12. The sums voted for current expenses were as

follows: Schools, \$7,300; Highway, \$5,000; Bridges, \$200; Fire Department, \$800; Town Farm, \$1,000; Outside Relief, \$1,200; Debt Appropriation, \$2,550; Interest, \$1,800; Incidentals, \$2,500; Selectmen, \$375; Assessors, \$250; School Committee, \$180; Constables, \$90; Overseers of the Poor, \$200; Town Clerk, \$150; Treasurer, \$250; Tax Collector, \$350; Election Officers, \$100; Soldiers' Relief, \$100; Cemeteries, \$150; Cattle Inspector, \$350; Registrars, \$60; Fish Warden, \$75; Sidewalks, \$100; Common, \$75; Sinking Fund and Bond Interest, \$2,000.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum assessed upon the town by the state and county.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized and instructed to borrow a sum not exceeding \$5,000, at the lowest possible rate of interest, the same to be paid in yearly installments of \$1,000, and give town notes therefor. Moved by F. Jaquith, and so voted, that the total amount raised and appropriated be \$27,000.

ART. 13. Voted to raise and appropriate \$125.00.

ART. 14. Voted on motion of L. W. Faulkner, that the Lowell and Suburban Street Railway Co. be requested to build to Billerica Centre as soon as possible.

ART. 15. Voted that the same method as last year be adopted.

ART. 16. Moved by Samuel Tucker and so voted, that the article be dismissed.

ART. 17. Moved by Roger Barrington and so voted, that \$500.00 be raised and appropriated to finish that part of the town stable used by fire department. Voted that E. W. Livingston and the Board of Engineers of Fire Department be a committee to expend this sum.

ART. 18. Voted to raise and appropriate \$800 to straighten and widen Elm Street, as laid out by the Selectmen, and shown on plan by H. W. Sheldon, providing the total cost of said straightening and widening does not exceed \$1,600, and providing also that the Faulkner Manufacturing Company pay half of the said \$1600.

ART. 19. Voted that \$300 be raised and appropriated, one-half to be expended at the Centre, and one-half at North Billerica. Chose committee to expend this sum: Jackson Wright, F. A. Morey, R. B. Holden, for the Centre; H. W. Sheldon, C. H. Kohlrausch, Jr., Bernard Kearney, for the North.

ART. 20. Voted to accept and adopt the revised by-laws as amended by the meeting.

ART. 21. Voted to authorise the treasurer to borrow such sums as may be needed in anticipation of the payment of taxes.

ART. 22. Dismissed.

ART. 23. Voted on motion of J. N. Parker that the Town issue to every individual tax-payer a printed and itemized tax bill, mentioning on the back of said bill every article taxable.

ART. 24. Under this article the committee for the new Town Hall reported as follows: The work upon the new Town Hall is now well enough advanced to verify the estimate of cost made by the committee last July, viz: \$32,000 aside from furnishing, grading and land. The additional land as you are now aware was obtained by the Selectmen for \$1,175. The cost of furnishing which includes gas fixtures we estimate to be approximately \$2500. In the absence of any appropriation, Mr. Jaquith and myself have made a somewhat careful investigation of this subject, and feel warranted in saying that the amount mentioned will cover. The earth obtained from digging the well and excavating for the gasoline generator will furnish additional material for grading, and until the work is done and the lot cleared, no definite estimate of the cost can be made. If as we hope substantially enough material is at hand for doing this work the cost will not be excessive. The conditions then are as follows:

Issue of bonds.....	\$30,000 00
Premium and accrued interest.....	1,840 00
Insurance on old building.....	1,500 00
Interest on deposits, estimated.....	300 00
Now asked for.....	2,500 00
	<hr/>
	\$36,140 00

Cost of building.....	\$32,000 00
Cost of land.....	1,175 00
Furnishing.....	2,500 00
	<hr/>
	\$35,675 00

If our estimates as above are correct, there will be left available for grading \$465, unless expenditures now unforeseen are made necessary in completion of the work already under way, we shall be able to save a small amount from the \$32,000 put down as cost of building, so that we feel reasonably safe in predicting that the entire cost of grading will be covered by this appropriation. It has been the purpose of your committee from the outset to make estimates that would fully cover the work that the voters might not be committed to any expenditure that has not been understood. We are pleased for you and for ourselves that, thus far, we have kept entirely within our estimates. While we should not hesitate to ask the voters to overlook any mistake in our estimates or in our judgment, we have endeavored to give our best efforts to the work assigned us to the end that no such necessity might arise. In our report of July 16, we stated that the cost of furnishing and grading should be provided for at this meeting by direct appropriation or a short loan. Had the condition of the town's finances been such at this time as to insure a low tax rate, we should have urged the raising of this money by direct appropriation, but as such is not the condition, we have asked for the appropriation as specified in the warrant under the article now before the meeting. The town has time notes, maturing as follows: Balance of this year, \$1,550; 1896, \$2,000; 1897, \$2,000; 1898, \$1,500; 1899, \$1,000. By making these notes payable—\$500 in three years, \$1,000 in four years, \$1,000 in five years, it will make the town payments on account of notes not over \$2,000 in any one year. We believe that the town has had faithful work by architects and contractors, and will have, when completed, a building worth what it will cost with payments therefor so distributed as to be easily borne, with a good portion of it paid for by those who will enjoy it in years to come.

J. NELSON PARKER.

JOSEPH JAQUITH.

For the Committee.

Moved by T. F. Lyons and so voted unanimously, that the report of the committee be approved and entered upon the records, and that the Town Treasurer be authorized to issue at such times as the Selectmen and Building Committee may direct, town notes, payable \$500.00 in three years, \$1,000.00 in four years, and \$1 000.-00 in five years, at a rate of interest not exceeding 5 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually.

ART. 25. Dismissed.

ART. 26. Voted to accept in trust \$100.00, the income to be used for the care of the Wm. Manning's family lot.

ART. 27. Voted to raise and appropriate \$500.00 for street lighting, one-half to be expended by the V. I. A., at the Centre, and one-half by the V. I. A., at North Billerica.

ART. 28. Dismissed.

ART. 29. Voted to raise and appropriate \$100.00 for the purpose of sinking a well at Union Hall.

ART. 30. Voted to raise and appropriate \$800.00 for the purpose of straightening and widening the Boston Road from Chelmsford line to Sprague's Bridge.

ART. 31. Dismissed.

The vote under Article 5 was declared as follows:

FOR CLERK.

H. A. King.....	164 votes.
H. H. Faulkner.....	119 "

FOR TREASURER.

J. A. Richardson.....	288 votes.
-----------------------	------------

FOR SELECTMEN.

J. E. Rowell.....	216 votes.
F. Jaquith.....	224 "
C. F. Smith.....	91 "

FOR ASSESSORS.

J. E. Rowell.....	214	votes.
S. J. Cook.....	147	"
C. S. Smith.....	153	"
G. F. Colson.....	72	"
G. P. Greenwood.....	118	"
Josiah Wright.....	127	"

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

J. E. Rowell.....	223	votes.
C. S. Smith.....	149	"
S. J. Cook.....	151	"
F. Jaquith.....	47	"
E. B. Haskell.....	129	"
Josiah Wright.....	133	"

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

R. B. Holden.....	116	votes.
Albert H. Jones.....	160	"

CONSTABLES.

E. W. Livingston.....	255	votes.
M. Conway, Jr.....	239	"

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Dr. J. B. Tyler.....	101	votes.
Dr. O. A. Flint.....	101	"
Dr. C. E. Hosmer.....	101	"
E. B. Haskell.....	94	"

FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. N. Pardee.....	255	votes.
-------------------	-----	--------

FOR AUDITORS.

E. N. Ray.....	212	votes.
E. Colby.....	269	"
R. T. Perry.....	258	"
A. S. Brown.....	59	"

FOR SINKING FUND COMMISSIONER.

F. JAQUITH.....	14	votes.
-----------------	----	--------

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—TOWN MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The annual Town Meeting for the election of Town officers, and for other purposes, shall be held on the fourth Monday in March of each year.

SEC. 2. The warrants for all Town Meetings shall be directed to either of the constables of the town; and meetings shall be notified by posting attested copies of the warrant at the Town Hall, and in each of the post offices of the town, and in the porches or vestibules of the several churches of the town, two Sundays or eight days at least before the day of meeting.

SEC. 3. The Town officers which are required by law to be chosen by ballot, and their respective terms of office shall be designated in the warrant for the annual meeting, and they shall be voted for upon one ballot.

SEC. 4. At any election, after the balloting has begun, no vote fixing the time for closing the polls shall be reconsidered, except for the purpose of extending such time.

SEC. 5. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received, but to lay on the table for the previous question; to refer, or to postpone to a day certain; to commit; to amend; or postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are named.

SEC. 6. On taking the question if the decision of the moderator be doubted, or a division of the house be called for by seven voters, the moderator shall request all persons in the house to be seated, and may appoint tellers. The question shall then be distinctively stated, and those voting in the affirmative and negative respectfully shall be requested to rise and stand in their places until they are counted by the moderator or tellers; and no person shall be counted who does not comply with the request to occupy a seat.

SEC. 7. Every motion or order which is of a complicated nature or an unusual length, shall be reduced to writing, and also every other motion whenever the presiding officer shall desire it.

SEC. 8. Every person speaking shall address the Chair, standing and uncovered; shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personalities, and no person shall be permitted to speak without first obtaining leave of the presiding officer.

SEC. 9. No person while speaking shall be interrupted by another, except it be to call to order, to correct a mistake, or to give notice of motion to reconsider.

SEC. 10. No person shall speak more than twice on any question without first obtaining leave of the house, except it be to make some explanation or correct a mistake; nor more than once until others who have not spoken on the question shall speak if they desire it.

SEC. 11. No vote shall be reconsidered except upon notice of motion for that purpose given within one hour after such vote has been passed, and after such notice has been given any person may make the motion to reconsider which, to prevail, must receive a two-thirds vote.

SEC. 12. No action involving an appropriation of over \$300 shall be taken on the report of a committee previously appointed, unless the report of said committee be specifically called for in the warrant.

SEC. 13. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator unless otherwise directed by the meeting, and in nominations at large no person shall nominate more than one member of a committee.

SEC. 14. The records of town meetings shall, if required, be read by the Town Clerk before adjournment.

SEC. 15. The duties of the Moderator, not prescribed by the statutes or by the foregoing by-laws, shall be determined by the general rules of parliamentary law, so far as they may be adapted to town meetings.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. The Selectmen shall have full authority as agents of the town to institute and prosecute suits in the name of the town and to appear and defend suits brought against it unless it is otherwise specially ordered by vote of the town.

SEC. 2. The town may authorize the Treasurer to borrow money temporarily in anticipation of the collection of taxes, and to give promissory notes therefor on behalf of the town, the same to be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the Selectmen, and all promissory notes of the town shall be executed in like manner.

SEC. 3. Whenever it shall be necessary to execute any deed, or any other instrument required to carry into effect any vote of the town, the same shall be executed by the Selectmen or a majority thereof in behalf of the town, unless the town shall otherwise vote in any special case.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Selectmen once in every six months, and as much oftener as they may think proper, to examine the books of the Treasurer and ascertain the condition of the treasury ; to see that the funds of the town are at all times available and that all temporary loans are paid in due season ; and they shall keep a record of these examinations and report the result of them to the town in connection with the annual report.

SEC. 5. No money (except state and county taxes, and principal and interest on legally authorized town notes) shall be paid by the Town Treasurer without a printed or written warrant for the same, signed by a majority of the Selectmen.

SEC. 6. The Town Treasurer shall on or before the fourth day of March, annually, render to the Selectmen in writing a full account of all his receipts and disbursements for the financial year last past.

SEC. 7. The Selectmen shall annually, at least five days before

the annual meeting, cause to be distributed among the taxpayers of the town a detailed report in print of all money received into and paid out of the town treasury during the preceding financial year, with a statement of the town's financial condition, which report shall be examined and approved by the auditors before it is printed. They shall also publish with said report such information and recommendations as they may deem proper, with detailed estimates and amounts of money which will be required for the current financial year. The report of the Treasurer's and Collector's accounts shall also be printed annually with the Selectmen's report. Each valuation of estates made by the Assessors, or an abstract thereof, shall be printed and distributed in pamphlet within six months after the same shall be made.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Selectmen, between the first day of September and the thirty-first day of December in each year, to select and designate shade trees in accordance with the provision of Chapter 196 of the Statutes of 1890, and amendments thereto.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to keep a book of records for the sole purpose of recording the location of all highways and townways that are, or may, in future, be laid out within the town with an index thereto.

SEC. 10. There shall be chosen at the annual meeting three Auditors, who shall examine the books and accounts of all officers and committees of the town entrusted with the receipt, custody, or expenditure of money, and all original bills and vouchers on which moneys have been, or may be paid from the treasury. They shall have free access to such books, accounts, bills and vouchers as often as once a month, and may make examination thereof; and they shall examine the same, at least, once in each year, and shall annually report, in writing to the town, as to the correctness of all such books, accounts, bills and vouchers.

SEC. 11. For the preservation and care of lots in public burial places of the town: The Treasurer shall receive and give the

depositor a receipt for any sum of money not exceeding \$500.00, that may be deposited with him for the care of any particular lot, to be expended in the manner directed by the depositor, or under direction of the cemeteries committee, the lots to be credited with the amount and debited whenever any expenditure is made. That when the sum so received be \$50.00 or more, it shall be deposited in one or more institutions for savings, or loaned to some city or town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the income thereof be annually credited to the lot. That the Treasurer be required to report at every annual town meeting the names of all persons who shall have made such deposit, the outlay made on the respective lots for the year then expired, and the balance then standing to the credit of the same.

ARTICLE III.—FINANCIAL REGULATIONS.

SECTION 1. The financial year shall begin with the first day of March in each year, and end with the last day of February in the next year.

SEC. 2. The assessment of taxes shall be completed and the tax list and warrant shall be delivered to the Collector on or before the fifth day of August in each year.

SEC. 3. All taxes assessed in each year, except poll taxes, shall be paid on or before November first. For such time as payment may be delayed beyond November first, interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum shall be charged. All taxes paid before November first shall be entitled to a discount at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum for the time anticipated. Bills for poll taxes only shall be paid within ten days of presentation.

SEC. 4. In all cases when the taxes are not paid at the time specified in Section 3, it shall be the duty of the collector to issue a summons to each delinquent stating the amount due, and that unless the same be paid within ten days with twenty cents for the summons, the Collector will proceed to collect the same according to law. It shall then be the duty of the Collector to so proceed at once.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Collector to have the substance of Section 3 printed on all tax bills.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Collector to pay over to the Town Treasurer all taxes by him collected at least once in two weeks until the collection is completed.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Collector to complete and make up an account of the collection of all taxes committed to him, and present the same to the Selectmen for settlement on or before the fifteenth day of February in each year.

ARTICLE IV.—PUBLIC WAYS.

SECTION 1. No building shall be moved over any public road or way in the town without a written permit being obtained from the Selectmen, and any person who shall not comply with such restrictions as the Selectmen shall think public security requires them to set forth in any permit shall forfeit and pay for every such offense the sum of \$10; provided, that the Selectmen shall in no case grant a permit for the removal of any building whatsoever which in the course of its removal will be likely to damage or destroy any trees or shrubs the property of individuals, whether standing in the road or in the fields, unless the consent of such individuals is first obtained.

SEC. 2. If any building shall be removed over or through any public street or square, the owner of such building and the person or persons moving the same, shall be jointly and severally liable to the town for all damages, cost and expenses for which the town may be liable or which they may be compelled to in consequence of such removal or of any obstruction, encumbrance or injury caused thereby.

SEC. 3. Whoever shall pasture any cattle, horses, or other animals, either with or without a keeper, upon any street or way in the town shall forfeit a sum not less than \$2 nor exceeding \$10 for each violation thereof; provided, that nothing herein contained shall affect the right of a person to the use of the land within the limits of a street or way adjoining his own premises.

ARTICLE V.—TRUANCY.

SECTION 1. The town of Billerica hereby avails itself of the several provisions of the statutes of this Commonwealth now in force relating to habitual truants and absentees from school; and, in pursuance of authority conferred thereby, adopts the following by-laws.

SEC. 2. All children between the ages of seven and fifteen years, residing in said town, and who may be found meandering about in the streets or public places of said town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed to the Middlesex County Truant School at North Chelmsford for confinement, instruction and discipline.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of every Truant Officer previous to making any complaint under these laws to notify the truant or absentee from school, also his parents, or guardian, of the offence committed, and of the penalty therefor, and if the Truant Officer can obtain satisfactory pledges for the restraint and reformation of the child he may at his discretion forbear to prosecute so long as such pledges are faithfully kept.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the school committee, the teachers of the public schools, and the citizens generally, to aid the Truant Officers as far as possible in the discharge of their duties.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Truant Officers to keep a full account of their official acts, and make an annual report thereof to the school committee, who shall publish the same with their own report.

SEC. 7. Nothing in these by-laws shall be so construed as to alter or impair the obligation and duty of teachers to enforce punctuality and regularity of attendance, and to preserve good order and discipline.

ARTICLE VI.—POLICE REGULATIONS.

SECTION 1. Whoever shall, at any time, without the permis-

sion of the Selectmen, discharge any firearms, cannon, India crackers, torpedoes, or other explosive articles in any street or way, near any vehicle passing thereon, or any dwelling-house, except in performance of some legal duty, shall forfeit a sum not less than \$1 nor more than \$10 for each offence.

SEC. 2. Whoever shall behave in any indecent or disorderly manner, or use profane, indecent, threatening, or insulting language in any public place, or on any sidewalk or street in the town, or near any house, to the annoyance or disturbance of any other person there being or passing in a peaceable manner, shall forfeit and pay not less than \$2 nor more than \$20 for each offence.

SEC. 3. All idle and disorderly children who shall misspend their time in the streets or fields during school hours, all persons who shall, by day or night, congregate noisily in, or about, the streets, stores, or public places of the town, or disturb the public quiet, by the unauthorized ringing of the church bells, or, who shall, at any time, deface, pull down or injure any building, fence, placard or sign, or other structure in this town, not under his own rightful control, or shall trespass on any property, real or personal, or wrongfully remove therefrom, or injure thereon, any tree, plant, or shrub, fruit, or vegetable, or who shall create any disturbance of, or in any lawful meeting of the citizens of this town, shall, for each and every one of such offences be severally liable to a fine not exceeding \$20.

SEC. 4. Whoever shall affix with paste, or by any other means, any bill, placard, or notice, or shall write any figures, words, or devices to or upon any building, fence, telegraph or telephone pole, or wall in the town, where the owner or occupant shall have posted a notice forbidding the same, or shall make any indecent drawing or writing upon any fence, tree, building or structure in any public place shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than \$2 nor more than \$10 for each offence.

SEC. 5. Whoever shall coast or slide upon a sled or other like vehicle in, or upon any public street or way within the town (where

notice has been put up by the Selectmen forbidding the same) shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than \$1 nor more than \$5 for each offence.

SEC. 6. No person shall bathe or swim in any public or exposed place in the town without a proper covering to the body.

SEC. 7. No person shall play at ball or throw balls, stones, snowballs or other missiles within or upon any of the streets or public places of the town, or play at any game obstructing free passage in the same.

SEC. 8. All penalties or forfeitures recovered for breach of any of these by-laws shall be paid into the town treasury for the use of the town.

SEC. 9. Any judge or justice of any Police Court in the County of Middlesex and any trial justice in said county, shall have jurisdiction of the offences mentioned in these by-laws and authority to enforce the same; any town constable or police officer shall make arrests and serve warrants and other processes necessary for the enforcement of the same, and the costs and fees shall be the same as allowed in criminal prosecutions before said courts or magistrates.

SEC. 10. Every violation of any of these by-laws, except when the penalty is specially stated, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$2 nor more than \$20; and it shall be the duty of the Selectmen, constables and police officers to prosecute every violation of all by-laws.

ARTICLE VII.

SECTION 1. All existing by-laws or votes of the town which conflict with, or are inconsistent with these by-laws, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. These by-laws may be amended at any annual town meeting by a two-thirds vote; any proposed amendment, however, must appear in full in the warrant for such meeting.

On motion of E. McMahan it was voted that in view of the great loss to our town by the death of Dudley Foster, who was so long a

public officer, a committee of three be appointed to form appropriate resolutions, and report at the next town meeting. The Moderator appointed as this committee: Edward McMahan, F. H. Parker, A. L. Blodgett.

Attest:

HERBERT A. KING, *Clerk*.

MEETING OF APRIL 1, 1895.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Middlesex ss.

To Everett W. Livingston, Constable of the Town of Billerica,
Greeting:

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Billerica, qualified by law to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at Gardner Parker Hall, in said Town on Monday, April 1st, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening, to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the town will authorize and direct its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow temporarily in anticipation of taxes of the present municipal year, and give the negotiable note, or notes of the town, for money so borrowed, and that all such temporary loans shall be payable from the said taxes.

ART. 3. To see if the town will choose a Board of Health for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. On the acceptance of Article 3, to choose one member of the Board of Health for one year, one for two years, one for three years. And you are to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one copy at Odd Fellows Hall, one copy in each of

the post offices of the town, one copy in each of the porches or vestibules of the several churches in town, at least eight days before said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, this twenty-second day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-five :

FRANKLIN JAQUITH,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,
JOHN E. ROWELL,

Selectmen of Billerica.

A true copy. Attest :

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON, *Constable.*

I have served this warrant as directed within.

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON, *Constable.*

At the meeting held under the above warrant, action was taken as follows :

ARTICLE 1. Chose R. B. Holden Moderator. Sworn by the Clerk.

ART. 2. Voted that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow temporarily in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year the sum of not exceeding \$15,000, as the same may be from time to time required, and to give the negotiable note or notes of the town for money so borrowed ; and that all such temporary loans shall be payable from the said taxes.

ART. 3. Voted to choose a Board of Health.

ART. 4. Chose the following Board of Health : Dr. John P. Taylor for three years ; Dr. O. A. Flint for two years ; Dr. C. E. Hosmer for one year.

Voted that the meeting be dissolved.

Attest :

HERBERT A. KING, *Clerk.*

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held Nov. 5, 1895.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Middlesex ss.

To Everett W. Livingston, Constable of Town of Billerica.

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Billerica, qualified by law to vote in election and town affairs, to meet at Precinct One, at Gardner Parker Hall, Billerica Centre, at 6.45 a. m., Precinct Two at Union Hall, North Billerica, at 9 o'clock a. m., to bring in your votes on one ballot for the following officers: Governor, Lieut. Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, Attorney General, Councillor, District Attorney, County Commissioner, two Special Commissioners, Sheriff, Senator, Fifth Middlesex District; Representative to General Court, Twentieth Middlesex District. Acts of 1895, Chapter 436, Section 1.

All persons qualified to vote for School Committee shall, at the next state election, have an opportunity to express their opinion by voting Yes or No in answer to the following question: Is it expedient that Municipal Suffrage be granted to Women?

And you are to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one copy at Odd Fellows Hall, one copy in each of the Post Offices in the town, and one copy in each of the porches or vestibules of the several churches in town, at least eight days before said meeting. Hereof, fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 17th day of October, in the year of our Lord, 1895.

FRANKLIN JAQUITH,
EDWARD B. HASKILL,
JOHN E. ROWELL,

Selectmen of Billerica.

.A true copy. Attest.

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON, *Constable.*

I have served this warrant as within directed.

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON, *Constable.*

Billerica, October 26, 1895.

In accordance with the above warrant the meeting at Gardner Parker Hall was opened at 6.45 o'clock a. m. H. A. King, Warden, was sworn by H. H. Faulkner, Justice of the Peace. C. A. Bowman, Deputy Warden; J. S. Holt, Clerk; Chas. Lyons, Deputy Clerk; M. J. McElligott and F. H. Parker, Inspectors; G. E. Stearns and Philip Dolan, Deputy Inspectors, were all sworn by H. A. King.

On motion of J. N. Parker the polls were kept open until 4.30 p. m.

The following is the vote as declared and returned by the election officers :

GOVERNOR.

Elbridge Gerry Brown of Brockton.....	2 votes.
Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell.....	144 "
Edward Kendall of Cambridge.....	7 "
George Fred Williams of Dedham.....	31 "
Blanks.....	8
Total No. ballots....	194

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Thomas C. Buddington of Springfield.....	1 votes.
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield.....	30 "
Edward S. Rogers of Lee.....	8 "
Roger Wolcott of Boston....	146 "
Blanks.....	7
Total No. ballots....	194

SECRETARY.

Edward J. Flynn of Boston.....	30 votes.
Charles D. Nash of Whitman.....	2 “
Wm. M. Olin.....	148 “
Willard O. Wylie of Essex.....	8 “
Blanks	4
Total No. ballots.....	194

TREASURER.

Wilbur M. Purrington of Williamsburg... ..	6 votes.
Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport.....	150 “
Eben S. Stevens of Dudley.....	31 “
Blanks.....	5
Total No. ballots	192

AUDITOR.

John W. Kimball of Fitchburg.....	147 votes.
Herman J. Regnall of Attleborough.....	6 “
Alfred C. Whitney of Boston.....	30 “
Blanks	9
Total No. ballots.....	192

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Frank M. Forbush of Natick.....	7 votes.
Henry M. Hurlburt of Lynn.....	30 “
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford.....	146 “
Blanks.....	9
Total No. ballots.....	192

COUNCILLOR.

John M. Harlow of Woburn.....	152 votes.
Oliver A. Libby of Lowell.....	29 “
Blanks.....	11
Total No. ballots.....	192

SENATOR.

George J. Burns of Ayer.....	152 votes.
James H. Connolly of Woburn.....	28 "
Blanks.....	14
<hr/>	
Total No. ballots.....	192

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT.

Charles E. Hosmer of Billerica.....	161 votes.
Blanks.....	31
<hr/>	
Total No. ballots.....	192

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Freeman Hunt of Cambridge.....	29 votes.
Frederick N. Weir of Lowell.....	149 "
Blanks.....	14
<hr/>	
Total No. ballots.....	192

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Francis Bigelow of Natick.....	156 votes.
Peter A. Fay of Lowell.....	32 "
Blanks.....	14
<hr/>	
Total No. of ballots.....	192

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS.

Lyman Dike of Stoneham.....	132 votes.
John A. Gately of Lowell.....	18 "
Edward E. Thompson of Woburn.....	103 "
Fred W. Trowbridge, 2nd. of Hudson.....	18 "
Blanks	103

SHERIFF.

Henry G. Cushing of Lowell.....	151	votes.
Frank J. Simonds of Lowell... ..	29	"
Blanks	12	
Total No. ballots.....	192	

SUFFRAGE REFERENDUM.

Yes.....	58	votes.
No	91	"
Blanks.....	45	

SUFFRAGE REFERENDUM—WOMANS' VOTE.

Yes	12	votes.
-----------	----	--------

PRECINCT TWO.

Arthur S. Brown, Warden ; sworn by H. A. King, Town Clerk.
The vote as returned from Precinct No. 2 was as follows :

GOVERNOR.

Elbridge Gerry Brown of Brockton.....	3	votes.
Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell.....	123	"
Edward Kendall of Cambridge.....	2	"
George Fred Williams of Dedham.....	110	"
P. Shalloo of Billerica.....	1	"
Blanks.....	5	
Total No. ballots.....	244	

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR. .

Thomas C. Buddington of Springfield.....	4	votes.
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield.....	100	"
Patrick F. O'Neil of Boston.....	1	"
Edward S. Rogers of Lee.....	6	"
Roger Walcott of Boston.....	116	"
Blanks.....	17	
Total No. ballots.....	244	

SECRETARY.

Edward J. Flynn of Boston.....	101	votes.
Joseph F. Mahoney of Lynn.....	2	"
Charles D. Nash of Whitman.....	4	"
William M. Olin of Boston.....	121	"
Willard O. Wylie, of Essex.....	2	"
Blanks.....	14	
		<hr/>
Total No. ballots.....	244	

TREASURER.

Martin W. Moran of Boston.....	3	votes.
Wilber M. Purrington of Williamsburg	2	"
Edward P. Shaw of Newburyport.....	121	"
Eben S. Stevens of Dudley.....	99	"
Charles N. Wentworth of Lynn.....	1	"
Blanks	18	
		<hr/>
Total No. ballots.....	244	

AUDITOR.

John W. Kimball of Fitchburg.....	121	votes.
Frederick A. Nagler of West Springfield	1	"
Andrew H. Paton of Danvers.....	2	"
Herman T. Regnall of Attleborough.....	2	"
Alfred C. Whitney of Boston.....	99	"
Blanks.....	19	
		<hr/>
Total No. ballots.....	242	

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Frank M. Forbush of Natick.....	2	votes.
Henry F. Hurlburt of Lynn.....	101	"
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford.....	121	"
Squire E. Putney of Somerville.....	2	"
Conrad Reno of Boston.....	2	"
Blanks.....	17	
		<hr/>
Total No. ballots.....	244	

COUNCILLOR.

John M. Harlow of Woburn.....	122 votes.
Oliver A. Libby of Lowell.....	99 “
Blanks.....	23
<hr/>	
Total No. ballots.....	244

SENATOR.

George J. Burns of Ayer.....	119 votes.
James H. Connolley of Woburn.....	100 “
Blanks.....	25
<hr/>	
Total No. ballots.....	244

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.

Charles E. Hosmer of Billerica.....	96 votes.
M. Conway, Jr., of Billerica.....	1 “
Charles S. Maxwell of Billerica.....	62 “
M. Coughlin of Billerica.....	2 “
Blanks.....	83
<hr/>	
Total No. ballots.....	244

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Freeman Hunt of Cambridge.....	92 votes.
Fred N. Wier of Lowell.....	121 “
Blanks.....	31
<hr/>	
Total No. ballots.....	244

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Francis Bigelow of Natick.....	121 votes.
Peter A. Fay of Lowell.....	88 “
Blanks.....	35
<hr/>	
Total No. ballots.....	244

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS.

Lyman Dike of Stoneham.....	192	votes.
John A. Gately of Lowell.....	80	"
Edward E. Thompson of Woburn.....	99	"
Fred N. Trowbridge, 2d, of Hudson.....	67	"
Blanks.....	139	

SHERIFF.

Henry G. Cushing of Lowell.....	127	votes.
Frank J. Simonds of Lowell.....	96	"
Blanks.....	21	
		<hr/>
Total No. ballots.....	244	

SUFFRAGE REFERENDUM.

Yes.....	38	votes.
No.....	140	"
Blanks.....	66	
		<hr/>
Total No. ballots.....	244	

SUFFRAGE REFERENDUM—WOMEN.

Yes.....	1	vote.
----------	---	-------

A true record of returns as received from Precinct Officers.

HERBERT A. KING,

Town Clerk.

TEWKSBURY, Mass., Nov. 15, 1895.

The following is a true and complete list of all the votes cast for Representative in the Twentieth District in Middlesex County :

For Charles E. Hosmer, of Billerica..... 877 votes.

	Hosmer.	Maxwell.	McCoy.	Conway.	Bearce.	Corrigan.	Healy.	Dame.
Chelmsford....	311	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Billerica	257	62	0	1	0	2	0	0
Tewksbury....	144	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Wilmington...	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. Reading...	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	877	62	2	1	1	2	1	1

GEO. A. PARKHURST, *Town Clerk of Chelmsford.*

HERBERT A. KING, *Town Clerk of Billerica.*

JOHN H. CHANDLER, *Town Clerk of Tewksbury.*

EDWARD N. NICHOLS, *Town Clerk of Wilmington.*

ARTHUR F. UPTON, *Town Clerk of North Reading.*

HERBERT A. KING, *Clerk.*

BIRTHS, 1895.

Date.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.
Jan. 6.	Bertha May Barker.....	Edward A. and Henrietta
9.	Charles Wesley Lyons.....	Charles and Jennie E.
23.	Francis Raymond Lyons.....	T. Frank and Bridget B.
Feb. 3.	Warren Stanley Barrington..	
	Clarence Barrington (twins)..	Roger and Alice
9.	Elizabeth Bradford Talbot...	Joseph and Martha
9.	Emma Francis Pasho.....	Fred and Lizzie
12.	John Thomas Brown.....	Joseph and Margaret
Mar. 15.	Patrick Francis Shea	John and Ellen
20.	William Joseph Higgins.....	Patrick J. and Mary
23.	Norman Alfred Ray.....	Edwin N. and Carrie
April 2.	Niles Herbert Eaton.....	Herbert L. and Lottie J.
May 3.	—— Fawcett.....	Fred A. and Maggie E.
10.	James O'Brien.....	John H. and Elizabeth M.
18.	Edward McMahon.....	Edward L. and Rachel A.
21.	J. Donald Roberts.....	—— and Maud E.
23.	Grace Ellen Carney.....	Patrick T. and Catherine A.
June 5.	Esther Moran.....	James T. and Esther A.
6.	Albert Raymond Pickup.....	Columbus and Blanche E.
July 13.	Ella Maud Stackpole.....	S. Willis and Carrie
16.	Alden Clifford Jones.....	Albert H. and Ada T.
30.	Edith Marion Morton.....	Earl H. and May L.
Aug. 2.	Isabella Leahy.....	Henry and R. H.
10.	Eleanor Hayes.....	Timothy and Eleanor
11.	Joseph Fairbrother.....	William and Isabella
18.	Lawrence Arthur Gannon....	William and Bridget

- Aug. 19. Leslie Vivian Winship..... Elmer A. and Martha
 25. Frederic Herrick Casey..... Frederic A. and Mary N.
- Sept. 2. Lena Mabel Dutton..... Alexander and Ora
 8. Grace Ethel McFayden..... Arthur and Florence E.
 14. Langdon Savage Simonds.... Minot O. and Helen L.
 17. Bertha Jane Randals..... John and Maggie
 18. Carl Auton Schult..... Carl A. and Caroline
 20. Marion Isabelle Lewis..... Fred and Margaret
- Oct. 2. Arnold Edward Tivey..... Robert and Jane
 4. Hannah Mildred Barrington... Albert and Sarah
 5. Chas. Lyman Ritchie..... Archiebald and Minnie
 13. Mary Ann Collins..... Michael and Mary
 23. John Thomas Condon..... John and Ellen
 27. Kate Agnes McSweeney.... Eugene and Mary
 30. Leo Joseph Coughlin..... John and Mary
- Nov. 8. Rose Ellen Hennessey..... Michael H. and Ann
 10. Mary Kate Griffin..... Michael and Bridget
 15. James Henry Monahan..... William and Johannah
 19. Frederick Mahoney. Patrick and Kate
- Dec. 23. Andrew Wilson Townsend.. Joseph and Nettie
 31. Florence Judith Fisk..... Merton and Mary B.
- 1892.
- Dec. 23. Florence L. Mahoney..... Patrick and Kate.

HERBERT A. KING,

Clerk

DEATHS FOR 1895.

	Date.	Name.	Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
1.	Jan. 3.	Dudley Foster.....	85	..	48
2.	8.	Jacob Spaulding.....	25	5	..
3.	13.	Betsey Livingston.....	85	9	2
4.	Feb. 4.	Warren Stanley Barrington.....	..	..	6 hrs.
5.	9.	Clarence Barrington.....	..	..	6 dys.
6.	9.	Maria Haulton.....	..	..	..
7.	13.	John Joseph Williams.....	..	5	15
8.	18.	Annett P. Crosby.....	61	6	..
9.	19.	Mary C. Smith.....	73	6	..
10.	Mar. 24.	Theophilus Blake Fellows.....	77	..	19
11.	April. 8.	Jerome B. Stearns.....	84	..	..
12.	18.	Francis R. Fellows.....	48	..	..
13.	18.	Nathaniel Bruce.....	76	11	..
14.	26.	Josiah Richardson.....	66	7	25
15.	May 5.	Elizabeth Woods.....	50	..	..
16.	6.	Infant Fawcett.....	..	..	2
17.	July 19.	Jane Meadowcroft.....	62	..	..
18.	15.	Amanda R. I. B. Holden.....	91	11	15
19.	18.	Lewis Johnson.....	80	11	..
20.	26.	Samuel Tucker.....	54	3	..
21.	Aug. 8.	Patrick Higgins.....	41	..	..
22.	18.	Verona Quimby.....	71	..	..
23.	19.	Sarah J. Richardson.....	61	..	..
24.	19.	Thomas Lewin.....	77	6	..
25.	24.	Carl Bohannon	1	..	..
26.	Sept. 17.	Arthur William Harris.....	9	8	..
27.	30.	Jennie M. Wilson.....	49	9	..

28.	Oct.	2.	Ella Maud Stackpole.....	..	2	19
29.		3.	Rosina Howe.....	67	..	18
30.		16.	Thomas Hogan.....	29	..	..
31.	Nov.	23.	Charles Kohlrausch.....	82	11	..
32.	Dec.	16.	Sarah J. Holden.....	43	..	..
33.		19.	Haslet McKay.....	..	..	..
34.		23.	Catherine Hennessey.....	75	..	..
35.	Feb.	20.	Mary P. Foster.....	52	2	29
36.	April	24.	John H. Baldwin.....	72	1	10

HERBERT A. KING.

Clerk.

MARRIAGES IN 1895.

	Date.	Name.	Residence.
1.	Jan. 23.	James Tempest Moran.....	Billerica.
		Esther Winstanley.....	"
2.	Jan. 23.	Alden O. Dane.....	"
		Lucy B. Parker.....	"
3.	Jan. 29.	Merton Lincoln Fisk.....	"
		Mary Blanche Orde.....	Waltham.
4.	Jan. 18.	William Monahan.....	Billerica.
		Johanna Hennessy.....	"
5.	April 4.	Erastus M. Drown.....	"
		Bessie W. Baker.....	"
6.	April 10.	William Thomas Manning.....	"
		Ruth Riley.....	"
7.	June 12.	Timothy Mahoney.....	"
		Harriet Ann Morris.....	"

- | | | | |
|-----|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 8. | June 11. | Frank Hume Alexander..... | " |
| | | Mary Caroline Lynde..... | " |
| 9. | Aug. 14. | Martin Hoathe Warner..... | " |
| | | Ann Higson..... | " |
| 10. | Aug. 29. | Elmer H. Bartlett..... | Walpole. |
| | | M. Elizabeth Merriam..... | Billerica. |
| 11. | Sept. 21. | Thomas Edward Latham..... | " |
| | | Sarah Ormrod..... | " |
| 12. | Sept. 25. | Frederick R. Barnes..... | " |
| | | Nettie M. Duren..... | " |
| 13. | Sept. 26. | James L. Simpson..... | " |
| | | Jennie M. Randles..... | " |
| 14. | Oct. 9. | Ai T. Dane..... | Billerica. |
| | | Emma F. Woods..... | Burlington. |
| 15. | Oct. 10. | John E. White..... | Edgartown. |
| | | Martha H. Proctor | Billerica. |
| 16. | Oct. 17. | Lewis Martin Loftus..... | Concord. |
| | | Catherine Agnes Dolan..... | Billerica. |
| 17. | Oct. 30. | Peter N. Shores..... | " |
| | | Mary M. Shores..... | " |
| 18. | Nov. 7. | Harrison Freeman Sargent..... | " |
| | | Minnie Lillian Cushing..... | " |
| 19. | Dec. 24. | Delbert M. Stanley..... | Lowell. |
| | | Anna L. Whitney..... | Billerica. |
| 20. | Dec. 25. | Robert L. Thompson..... | " |
| | | Effie D. Kelley (Moore)..... | " |

HERBERT A. KING,

Clerk.

Names of Persons Paying Dog Tax for the Year 1895.

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Charles W. Parker, | 30. Martin Finnegan, |
| 2. Wm. A. Hibbard, | 31. O. A. Fletcher, |
| 3. Wm. H. Sprowl, | 32. John H. Foster, |
| 4. Wm. H. Hutchins, | 33. P. Kennelley, |
| 5. James McDermott, | 34. Harry J. Gay, |
| 6. Edgar D. Hardy, | 35. Geo. E. Moore, |
| 7. W. W. Wilson, | 36. Rufus Vickery, |
| 8. W. W. Wilson, | 37. John E. Bull, |
| 9. J. C. Crawford, | 38. Wm. F. Symmes, |
| 10. C. A. Bowen, | 39. Warren Holden, |
| 11. H. W. Sheldon, | 40. A. D. Stanton, |
| 12. D. J. Folsom, | 41. John Stahle, |
| 13. Josiah Wright, | 42. William Donovan, |
| 14. John G. Bailey, | 43. J. F. Murphy, |
| 15. Mrs. J. M. Bailey, | 44. Chas. Collins, |
| 16. W. S. Letterney, | 45. Michael J. McElligott, |
| 17. Henry A. Dutton, | 46. Robert Stott, |
| 18. Dennis O'Keefe, | 47. Arthur Woodward, |
| 19. Alonzo Simpson, | 48. C. W. Kohlrausch, Jr. |
| 20. Hugh Coulter, | 49. J. N. Parker, |
| 21. Wm. H. Gannon, | 50. " " |
| 22. Alden O. Dane, | 51. B. R. Houghton, |
| 23. H. B. Richardson, | 52. " " |
| 24. S. A. Randlett, | 53. " " |
| 25. Geo. W. Searles, | 54. " " |
| 26. John A. Richardson, | 55. " " |
| 27. Edgar A. Sellow, | 56. Geo. P. Greenwood, |
| 28. Mrs. Sarah Richardson, | 57. Herbert Smith, |
| 29. Charles H. Shed, | 58. F. H. Parker, |

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 59. F. S. Clark, | 93. Orin Mayberry, |
| 60. Warren Richardson, | 94. Mrs. J. Kittredge, |
| 61. " " | 95. Fred Smith, |
| 62. O. S. Fuller, | 96. John Ormrod, |
| 63. " " | 97. Ceril Brebant, |
| 64. M. McGlone, | 98. Timothy Denire, |
| 65. Henry J. Mahoney, | 99. Andrew Morrissey, |
| 66. Rachel J. Conway, | 100. Janard Cox, |
| 67. Geo. R. Herrick, | 101. Thos. M. Clark, |
| 68. Warren Shedd, | 102. G. C. Stearns, |
| 69. " " | 103. Albert Stearns, |
| 70. Geo. F. Colson, | 104. E. A. Hall, |
| 71. Lewis Holden, | 105. Edwin Manning, |
| 72. E. N. Ray, | 106. A. B. Chapman, |
| 73. " " | 107. C. A. Holt, |
| 74. Mrs. S. M. Sawyer, | 108. Thomas P. Bowers, |
| 75. E. B. Haskell, | 109. John E. Bottomley, |
| 76. Geo. F. Harnden, | 110. A. J. Derby, |
| 77. Mrs. A. Benson, | 111. Michael Collins, |
| 78. E. J. Hill, | 112. Albert Lakeman, |
| 79. Michael J. McElligott, | 113. J. Warren Rollins, |
| 80. Aaron Pasho, | 114. J. W. Hoyt, |
| 81. Isaac Hopkinson, | 115. N. R. Jones, |
| 82. Albert Barrington, | 116. " " " |
| 83. Jonathan Williams, | 117. M. C. Mitchell, |
| 84. Sylvester Beard, | 118. " " " |
| 85. " " | 119. T. G. Messer, |
| 86. Mrs. C. F. Barker, | 120. M. M. Cowdrey, |
| 87. Roger Barrington, | 121. Mrs. Inez Cloutman, |
| 88. A. Rosenthal, | 122. Mrs. S. M. Woods, |
| 89. C. O. Shedd, | 123. Geo. Lord, |
| 90. Chris. Walker, | 124. Patrick Riley, |
| 91. Freeman Smith, | 125. Peter Dolan, |
| 92. Chas. E. Nuttall, | 126. Geo. B. Simonds, |

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 127. C. M. Duren, | 152. P. Mahoney, |
| 128. L. Spencer, | 153. M. C. Murphy, |
| 129. V. Rollins, | 154. D. R. Bigelow, |
| 130. J. B. Holden, Jr., | 155. Littleton Faulcon, |
| 131. Jos. Potts, | 156. James Gannon, |
| 132. R. B. Holden, | 157. Ben. Walker, |
| 133. James Bradley, | 158. Daniel Holt, |
| 134. M. O. Ruth, | 159. Albert Barrington, |
| 135. John J. Green, | 160. Sarah Dutton, |
| 136. Henry A. Messiah, | 161. L. W. Buckley, |
| 137. L. W. Holden, | 162. Duplicate of No. 114, |
| 138. M. V. Dickey, | 163. John Conley, |
| 139. Thomas M. Harrigan, | 164. Henry S. Pihl, |
| 140. Mary A. Maybury, | 165. Everett N. Livingston, |
| 141. Walter F. Eaton, | 166. Benj. H. Wasson, |
| 142. Thomas Kittredge, | 167. Wm. H. Holland, |
| 143. G. Spaulding, | 168. Michael Hayes, |
| 144. Everett W. Hawes, | 169. John Sullivan, |
| 145. Charles Robinson, | 170. ——— Stevens, |
| 146. Daniel Lane, | 171. A. Bottomley, |
| 147. Isaac Newell, | 172. Thomas Talbot, |
| 148. Fred Rounds, | 173. “ “ |
| 149. John P. Gregware, | 174. “ “ |
| 150. E. O'Tool, Jr., | 175. Joseph F. Talbot, |
| 151. J. B. Robinson, | |

HERBERT A. KING,

Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

Money received during the year and credited to the following appropriations :

Balance on hand, March 1, 1895..... \$20,456 89

1894 ACCOUNT.

Schools, received from W. W. Nason, amount overpaid teacher.....	10 00
Town farm sales, Jan. and Feb., 1895.....	470 19
Outside relief, received from State of Massachusetts, burial of state pauper.....	11 00
Received from Town of Cohasset, care of Harris children,	62 79
Town of Methuen, care of Austin family,	87 58
City of Woburn, aid to Robert C. Smith,	2 00
H. C. Brown, Collector of Taxes, 1893-1894	3,770 97

1895 ACCOUNT.

Schools :

Received from State, account Supt.....	\$625 00	
State, income School Fund...	269 20	
Town of Carlisle, tuition.....	7 50	
		\$901 70

Highways :

Received from G. C. Crosby, Supt., use of town teams, etc., for work outside of highways.....	\$311 32	
J. N. Parker, services of Superintendent.....	3 00	
John E. Rowell, sale of horse,	90 00	
Lowell and Suburban Street R. R., one-half cost of drain on Main Street.....	54 50	
		\$458 82

Town Farm :

Received from J. C. Parker, Superintendent, for sales at farm, during year	1,731 08
---	----------

Interest :

Received from M. L. & T. Co., Boston, inter- est accrued on Town Hall deposit, and used for Town Hall purposes.....	\$539 20
Other sources, interest on de- posits.....	48 51
	<hr/> \$587 71

Outside Relief :

Received from State, for care of State paupers.....	108 32
---	--------

Incidentals :

Received from G. C. Crosby, Superintendent, for sale of old safe.....	\$1 00
John E. Rowell, use of Union Hall.....	15 00
H. G. Cushing, keeper Lowell Jail, fines, etc.....	33 00
Clerk Police Court, fines due town.....	129 30
E. Baker, license.....	1 00
W. H. Sheldon, for services of janitor Talbot Hall.....	75 50
Estate Judith Jones, repairing road and sidewalk.....	30 00
E. W. Livingston, use of Town Hall.....	35 00
C. H. Nelson, insurance on Town Hall to Nov. 8, '95...	118 63
Treasurer Middlesex County rebate on dog tax.....	322 05
F. A. Morey, one-half receipts scales.....	12 36
	<hr/> \$772 84

Straightening and widening road above Spragues Bridge :

Received from Treasurer Middlesex County	
amount of award.....	\$500 00
L. & S. St. Ry. their proportion of expense.....	95 50
	<hr/>
	\$595 50

Anticipation of tax note :

Borrowed on town note by authority of vote, March 18, 1895.....	\$3,000 00
Borrowed on town notes by authority of vote, April 1st, 1895.....	15,000 00

Loan for 1894 deficiency :

Borrowed on five town notes of \$1000 each, payable in one, two, three, four and five years, by authority of vote March 18, 1895.....	5,000 00
---	----------

Town Hall :

Received amount of insurance on Old Town Hall, and appropriated to the New Town Hall account July 16, 1894.....	1,500 00
---	----------

Loan to furnish Town Hall :

Borrowed on three town notes, two of \$1,000 and one of \$500, payable in three, four and five years, by authority of vote, March 18, 1895.....	2,500 00
---	----------

Received from the Treasurer, State of Massachusetts, corporation and bank tax, 1895.....	5,309 18
The Treasurer, State of Massachusetts, State aid paid by the town in 1894....	948 00
The Treasurer, Town of Cohasset, amount expended by the town for care of Harris children.....	297 42
The Treasurer, Town of Methuen, amount expended by the town for care of Austin family	72 00
The Treasurer, Town of Chelmsford, amount expended by the town for medical attendance E. B. Kittredge	33 00

Received from the Treasurer, City of Woburn, amount expended by the town for aid to R. C. Smith.....	9 50
The Treasurer, City of Lowell, amount expended by the town for aid to Mrs. Aham.....	14 85
Albert H. Jones, Collector Taxes, 1895..	25,823 12
Total receipts.....	<u>\$89,534 46</u>

CR.

Money paid out:

Paid approved bills during the year and charged to the following appropriations.

1894 ACCOUNT.

Schools	\$339 00
Outside relief.....	439 74
Incidentals.....	660 99
Fire Department.....	58 32
Highway.....	424 33
Election Officers.....	10 00
Street Lighting.....	100 00
Notes (anticipation of tax).....	5,000 00
Interest.....	701 25
Salary town officers.....	1,420 00
Town Farm.....	533 51
Estate of Dudley Foster on account of error with Tax Collector	90 00
Town Hall.....	1,500 00

1895 ACCOUNT.

Schools.....	8,194 91
Highway.....	4,581 65
Fire Department.....	703 80
Town Farm	2,728 15
Bridges	253 14

Town Debt.....	\$2,550 00
Interest.....	1,690 22
Outside relief.....	828 74
Incidentals	2,905 83
Salary Selectmen.....	375 00
Assessors.....	250 00
School Committee.....	180 00
Constable.....	90 00
Overseers of Poor.....	200 00
Town Clerk.....	150 00
Town Treasurer.....	250 00
Tax Collector.....	250 00
Registrars.....	30 00
Election officers.....	85 00
Cattle Inspector.....	320 76
Fish Warden.....	75 00
Soldiers' relief.....	121 37
Cemeteries.....	60 00
Sidewalks.....	79 00
Common.....	75 00
Sinking fund and bond interest	2,000 00
Memorial Day.....	125 00
Room for Fire Department	518 00
Liberty poles.	150 00
Street lighting.....	375 00
Repairing road above Sprague's bridge.....	740 96
Town Hall.....	24,044 04
Town notes (anticipation of tax).....	18,000 00
County tax.....	1,870 87
State tax.....	1,238 01
State and military aid.....	937 00
Tax abatements (H. C. Brown).....	207 01
Paid for relief of poor and charged to the Town of Cohasset.....	297 38
For relief of poor and charged to the Town of Methuen	77 00
For relief of poor and charged to the town of Chelmsford	33 00
For relief of poor and charged to the City of Woburn.....	9 50

Paid for relief of poor and charged to the City of Lowell.....	\$220 41
Total expenditures.....	\$89,147 89
Balance on hand.....	386 57
	<hr/>
	\$89,534 46

JOHN A. RICHARDSON, *Treasurer.*

E. B. COLBY,
R. T. PERRY,
SIDNEY A. BULL,
Auditors.

REPORTS OF TRUST FUNDS IN HANDS OF TREASURER, FEB. 29, 1896.—PRESENT VALUE.

Bowers' Fund, for care of worthy poor.....	\$13,512 51
Joseph Stearns' Fund, for care of worthy poor.....	2,000
	<hr/>
	\$15,512 51

Received income during, including balance,

March. 1, 1895.....	\$1,607 86
Paid on order of Committee.....	1,122 32
	<hr/>

Balance on hand.....	\$485 54
Thompson Fund, Fox Hill Cemetery.....	\$1,143 02
Calvin Rogers Fund, No. Cemetery.....	530 79
Sweetser Fund, care of lot in So. Cemetery.....	1,109 87
Betsy Cowdry Fund, care of lot in No. Cemetery.....	50 00
Abbott Singing Fund, teaching sacred music.....	1400 00
Winthrop Faulkner Fund, library.....	1000 00
Gray Cemetery, Fox Hill.....	551 61
Shed Fund, care of lot in No. Cemetery.....	102 00
Frost Fund, care of lot in Fox Hill Cemetery.....	102 00
	<hr/>
	\$21,501 80

JOHN A. RICHARDSON,
Treasurer.

E. B. COLBY,
R. T. PERRY,
SIDNEY A. BULL,
Auditors.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

To Whom Due.	Date of Note.	When Due.	Rate Percent.	Amount.
Trustees Howe School	June 3, 1852.	1 year.	6 per ct.	\$1,000 00
Bowers Fund.....	Dec. 1, 1871.	Demand.	5 " "	5,960 00
" "	June 18, 1878.	"	5 " "	400 00
" "	May 15, 1874.	"	5 " "	800 00
Trustees Howe School	July 12, 1878.	"	6 " "	1,000 00
" " " "	Aug. 13, 1878.	"	6 " "	1,000 00
" " " "	Sept. 11, 1879.	"	6 " "	1,500 00
" " " "	Mar. 20, 1880.	"	6 " "	1,400 00
" " " "	Aug. 4, 1880.	"	6 " "	500 00
*Bowers Fund.....	Nov. 3, 1885.	"	5 " "	2,000 00
† " "	" " 1897.	"	4½ " "	1,000 00
† " "	" " 1898.	"	4½ " "	1,000 00
† " "	" " 1899.	"	4½ " "	1,000 00
‡Orthod'x Cong'l Soc'y	Oct. 9, 1893. 1896.	"	5 " "	500 00
‡ " " " "	" 9, " 1897.	"	5 " "	500 00
‡ " " " "	" 9, " 1898.	"	5 " "	500 00
‡John Fish.....	" 18, " 1896.	"	6 " "	500 00
‡ " "	" " " 1897.	"	6 " "	500 00
§ Payable to bearer	Aug. 1, 1895. 1896.	"	4 " "	1,000 00
§ " " " "	Aug. 1, " 1897.	"	4 " "	1,000 00
§ " " " "	" " " 1898.	"	4 " "	1,000 00
§ " " " "	Feb. 1896. 1899.	"	4 " "	1,000 00
§ " " " "	" " " 1900.	"	4 " "	1,000 00
Trustees Howe School	Dec. 19, 1895. 1898.	"	5 " "	500 00
" " " "	" " " 1899.	"	5 " "	1,000 00
" " " "	" " " 1900.	"	5 " "	1,000 00
Floating debt Feb. 29, 1896.....				\$28,560 00
Surplus.....				5,747 92
Bonded debt from New Town Hall.....				\$30,000 00
Less Sinking Fund.....				800 00
				\$22,812 08
				\$29,200 00
Net indebtedness.....				\$52,012 08

OBJECT OF LOAN: *School North Billerica. †Pollard School. ‡Fordway Bridge.
§Repairs Pollard School.

FRANKLIN JAQUITH,
EDWARD B. HASKEIL,
JOHN E. ROWELL,

Selectmen of Billerica.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, YEAR ENDING FEB. 29, 1896.

1894 ACCOUNTS.

Balance cash on hand, March 1, 1895.....	\$905 05
Received from W. W. Nason on account of schools....	10 00
Town Farm, sales Jan. and Feb. 1895....	470 19
State of Mass. on account of outside relief	11 00
Town of Cohasset, for care of Harris children	62 79
Town of Methuen, care Austin family..	87 58
City of Woburn, aid to R. C. Smith.....	2 00
H. C. Brown, Collector of Taxes, 1893-1894.	3,770 97
	<hr/>
	\$5,319 58
	<hr/>
Paid on account schools.....	\$339 00
Outside relief.....	439 74
Incidentals	660 99
Fire department.....	58 32
Highway	424 33
Election officers.....	10 00
Street lighting.....	100 00
Notes (Antic. taxes).....	5,000 00
Interest	701 25
Salary, town officers.....	1,420 00
Town farm.....	533 51
Estate of Dudley Foster, on account of error in account with Tax Collector	90 00
On account Town Hall.....	1,500 00
	<hr/>
	\$11,277 14
Less receipts.....	5,319 58
	<hr/>
	\$5,957 56
Less balance due from Tax Collector, 1893-1894.....	848 47
	<hr/>
	\$5,109 09
Issued town notes.....	5,000 00
	<hr/>
Leaving balance to come from 1895 taxes	\$109 09

1895 ACCOUNT.

Balance cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1896	\$ 386 57
Balance due from Tax Collector, 1895	5,568 81
City of Lowell	205 56
Town of Methuen	5 00
State on account Cattle Inspector	131 22
	<hr/>
	\$6,297 16
Less amount due Tax Collectors salary, 1894..	\$100 00
Tax Collectors salary, 1895..	100 00
Election officers salary, 1895	15 00
Registrars salary, 1895 . . .	30 00
Cattle Inspectors salary, 1895	29 24
Liberty Pole Appro	150 00
Street lighting	125 00
	<hr/>
	549 24
	<hr/>
	\$5,747 92

Amount of taxes committed to me for collection for the year 1895	\$31,391 93
Amount collected and paid to J. A. Richardson, Town Treasurer	25,823 12
	<hr/>
Leaving a balance uncollected of	\$5,568 81
Interest collected	\$17 99
Abatements	256 60

ALBERT H. JONES, *Collector.*

Billerica, Feb. 29, 1896.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation	\$7,300 00	
State fund.....	269 20	
State fund, on account Superintendent.....	625 00	
Miscellaneous receipts.....	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,200 20
Expenditures		8,194 91
		<hr/>
Balance unexpended.....		\$5 29

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation.....	\$5,000 00	
Miscellaneous receipts.....	458 82	
	<hr/>	\$5,458 82
Expenditures.....		4,581 65
		<hr/>
Balance unexpended.....		\$877 17

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation.....	\$800 00	
Expenditures.....	703 80	
	<hr/>	\$96 20
Balance unexpended.....		

TOWN FARM.

Appropriation.....	\$1000 00	
Excess of expenditures over receipts.....	997 07	
	<hr/>	\$2 93
Balance unexpended.....		

OUTSIDE RELIEF.

Appropriation.....		\$1,200 00
Expenditures.....	\$1,466 03	
Received from other towns.....	\$426 77	
Due from other towns.....	210 56	
	<hr/>	\$637 33
	<hr/>	829 70
		<hr/>
Balance unexpended.....		\$370 30

SELECTMEN.

Appropriation.....	\$375 00
Expenditures	375 00

BRIDGES.

Appropriation.....	\$200 00
Expenditures	253 14
Overdrawn	<u>\$53 14</u>

DEBT APPROPRIATION.

Appropriation.....	\$2,500 00
Expenditures	2,500 00

INTEREST.

Appropriation.....	1,800 00
Receipts.....	587 71
	<u>\$2,387 71</u>
Expenditures	1,690 22
Balance unexpended.....	<u>\$697 49</u>

INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation.....	\$2,500 00
Receipts.....	772 84
	<u>\$3,272 84</u>
Expenditures	2,905 83
Balance unexpended.....	<u>\$367 01</u>

ASSESSORS.

Appropriation.....	\$250 00
Expenditures	250 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Appropriation.....	\$180 00
Expenditures.....	180 00

CONSTABLES.

Appropriation.....	90 00
Expenditures.....	90 00

FISH WARDEN.

Appropriation.....	75 00
Expenditures... ..	75 00

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation.....	\$100 00
Expenditures.....	79 00
Balance unexpended.....	<u>21 00</u>

COMMON.

Appropriation	\$75 00
Expenditures	75 00

SINKING FUND AND BOND INTEREST.

Appropriation.....	\$2,000 00
Expenditures	2,000 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation.....	\$125 00
Balance, 1894.....	8 78
	<u>\$133 78</u>
Expenditures.....	\$101 52
Balance unexpended by Treasurer.....	<u>\$32 26</u>

BILLERICA VETERAN ASSOCIATION.

Repairing Engine House:	
Appropriation	\$500 00
Expenditures.....	518 00
Overdrawn.....	<u>18 00</u>

STRAIGHTEN AND WIDEN ELM STREET.

Appropriation	\$800 00
---------------------	----------

FLAG POLES.

Appropriation.....	\$300 00
Expenditures	150 00
Balance unexpended.....	<u>\$150 00</u>

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Appropriation.....	\$200 00
Expenditures	200 00

TOWN CLERK.

Appropriation.....	\$150 00
Expenditures	150 00

TREASURER.

Appropriation.....	\$250 00
Expenditures.....	250 00

TAX COLLECTOR.

Appropriation.....	\$350 00
Expenditures	250 00
Balance unexpended.....	<hr/> \$100 00

ELECTION OFFICERS.

Appropriation.....	\$100 00
Expenditures	85 00
Balance unexpended.....	<hr/> \$15 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriation.....	\$100 00
Expenditures	121 37
Overdrawn	<hr/> \$21 37

CEMETERIES.

Appropriation.....	\$150 00
Expenditures	60 00
Balance unexpended.....	<hr/> \$90 00

CATTLE INSPECTOR.

Appropriation.....	\$350 00
Expenditures.....	320 76
Balance unexpended.....	<hr/> \$29 24

WELL AT UNION HALL.

Appropriation.....	\$100 00
--------------------	----------

REGISTRARS.

Appropriation.....	\$60 00
Expenditures.....	30 00
	<hr/>
Balance unexpended.....	\$30 00

STREET LIGHTING.

Appropriation.....	\$500 00
Expenditures.....	375 00
	<hr/>
Balance unexpended.....	\$125 00

STRAIGHTEN AND WIDEN BOSTON ROAD, CHELMSFORD LINE TO
SPRAGUE BRIDGE.

Appropriation.....	\$800 00	
Receipts.....	595 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,395 50
Expenditures.....		740 96
		<hr/>
Balance unexpended.....		\$654 54

1894—1895 DEFICIENCIES.

Appropriation.....	\$5,000 00
Excess of expenditures over receipts.....	5,109 09
	<hr/>
Overdrawn.....	\$109 09

TOWN HALL.

Appropriation, bond interest and premiums..	\$37,210 67
Expenditures 1894.....	\$12,368 11
“ 1895.....	24,794 04
	<hr/>
Balance unexpended.....	\$37,162 15
	<hr/>
	\$48 52

We, the undersigned Auditors for the Town of Billerica, hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the several town officers and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. B. COLBY,
R. T. PERRY,
SIDNEY A. BULL,

Auditors.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

For the Year Ending February 29, 1896.

The Assessors of the Town of Billerica submit the following report:

We find in making our appraisal for the year 1895, a decrease on personal property of \$28,482.00, and an increase on real estate of \$32,885.00.

Value of real estate May 1, 1895.....	\$1,445,933 00
Value of personal estate May 1, 1895.....	351,329 00
Total valuation estate May 1, 1895.....	1,797,262 00
Rate of total tax, per \$1,000.....	16 80

No. of polls.....	599
“ “ dwelling houses.....	516
“ “ horses	443
“ “ cows.....	749
“ “ neat cattle other than cows.....	108
“ “ swine	154
“ “ fowls	2146
“ “ sheep.....	24

COBURN S. SMITH,

JOHN E. ROWELL,

SEARS J. COOK,

Assessors of Billerica.

1894 ABATEMENTS.

Benjamin Buckley, unknown.....	\$2 00
Joseph Buckley, too young.....	2 00
Edward W. Brown.....	2 00
George R. Carter.....	2 00
Roland Conway, too young.....	2 00
Warren Fellows.....	3 65
Theopolis Fellows.....	2 00
John Fairbrother, too young.....	2 00
George N. Holden, skipped.....	2 55
James A. Hamilton, skipped.....	4 31
Fred Haworth.....	2 00

J. C. C. Hale	\$8 00
Henry Hawkes, left town.....	2 00
Edward Hayes, unknown.....	2 00
Hutchins & Wilson, illegally assessed.....	46 30
Edward A. King, left town.....	2 00
James Kenney, unknown.....	2 00
Daniel Lyons, Jr., assessed in Lowell.....	2 00
Otis A. Munroe.....	2 00
William Muyr, left town.....	2 25
Hannah Putney.....	4 67
Axel Vetlerborg, gone to Sweden.....	2 00
George G. Wilson.....	2 00
Sheldon, Eames & Co., error.....	17 60
John Hogan, left town, gone three years.....	2 00
George I. Lord, left town March, 1894.....	2 00
Joseph Brabant.....	2 00
Charles Hayes.....	2 55
Edmond Limccot.....	2 81
L. J. Fellows, Jr., left town.....	2 00
Henry E. Stevens.....	2 32
Sidney Witherell, left town.....	2 00
Heirs of Charles D. Starbird, no property in town.....	1 58
Patrick Gilligan.....	1 65
	<hr/>
	\$142 24

1893 ABATEMENTS.

Silas A. Cowdry, assessed in Lowell.....	2 00
James A. Hamilton.....	4 66
L. E. Ross, left town.....	2 00
Charles A. Schult.....	3 53
Hutchins & Wilson, illegally assessed.....	39 90
Francis L. Crosby.....	7 25
W. T. Clark.....	2 00
Edward S. Miller.....	2 00
Patrick Gilligan, over assessed.....	1 43
	<hr/>

\$64 77

C. S. SMITH,
J. E. ROWELL,
S. J. COOK,

Assessor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation \$800.00.

B. W. Kearney, use of hose.....	\$15 00
Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, salary 1894.....	75 00
B. Walker, use of horses.....	15 00
Hero Engine Co., Centre, salary 1894.....	105 00
Alert Hook and Ladder Co, salary 1894.....	51 67
H. W. Sheldon, horse hire and car fare, salary.....	26 75
John H. Foster, salary, engineer.....	20 00
Courier-Citizen Co., printing.....	8 50
A. S. Jackson, supplies.....	28 50
F. A. Morey, supplies.....	95
H. A. King, supplies.....	3 50
H. H. Wilder & Co., supplies.....	1 50
John E. Bull, supplies.....	1 55
A. S. Jackson, extension ladder.....	115 00
Billerica Shoe and Harness Co., supplies.....	24 55
Patrick Kennelly, watching fires.....	1 40
John E. Farmer, watching fires.....	1 40
A. S. Jackson, supplies.....	28 50
Baptist Church, stove.....	8 00
S. N. Stackpole, watching fire.....	2 33
C. F. Barker, labor.....	3 45
Dr. J. B. Tyler, alcohol.....	4 00
H. D. Livingston, wood.....	4 50
J. P. Stewart, repairs.....	3 20
H. W. Sheldon, car fare, telephone, watching fires.....	6 50
L. W. Holden, shovels.....	7 20
B. C. Crosby, alcohol.....	3 85
E. W. Livingston, salary, engineer.....	20 00
E. B. Haskell, salary, engineer.....	20 00
E. B. Haskell, stove.....	1 00

\$607 80

REPORT OF FIRES FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1896.

BILLERICA CENTRE.

Still alarm of fire Tuesday, Feb. 25, 12.45 P. M. for a fire in John W. Essex's house. Cause, overheated stove. Loss, \$30.00.

NORTH BILLERICA.

Feb. 4, 1895. An alarm was sounded at 7.00 P. M. for a fire in a wool bin at Talbot's Mills. Cause, spontaneous combustion. Loss, \$0.00.

June 8, 1895. An alarm was sounded at 1.30 P. M. for a fire in L. B. Gannon's woods. Loss, \$0.00.

June 12, 1895. An alarm was sounded at 2 P. M. for a fire in F. S. Clark's woods. Cause, burning rubbish. Loss, \$0 00.

Sept. 29, 1895. An alarm was sounded for a fire in Coburn Smith's woods. Cause——. Loss, \$0.00.

Oct. 23, 1895. An alarm was sounded at 3 P. M. for a fire in Geo. Colson's woods? Cause, ——. Loss, \$0.00.

Jan. 6, 1896. An alarm was sounded at 2.30 P. M. for a fire in one of Talbot's Mills tenements. Cause, chimney. Loss, \$0.00.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. SHELDON,
E. B. HASKELL,
E. W. LIVINGSTON,

Engineers Fire Department.

NORTH BILLERICA, Mass., Feb. 22, 1896.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health respectfully submit their annual report, as follows :

As no appropriation was made at the town meeting, held March 18, 1895, for the expenses of the Board of Health, the members of it have given their time and service, whenever required.

We would recommend, however, that one hundred dollars be appropriated for the ensuing year, to cover any necessary expense.

We have, from time to time, inspected wells, cess-pools and vaults, and made analysis of drinking water, both in the Centre and North village, and have advised such cleaning and changes of construction as seemed to be demanded in the interest of health.

We cannot too earnestly call attention to the importance of keeping the drinking water free from all pollution, by drainage, from cess-pools or vaults.

There is especial danger from this source in the North village and some sickness has resulted from it the past year.

Billerica should be one of the healthiest towns in the state, and we hope to have the hearty co-operation of the owners of property, in our efforts to prevent disease.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES E. HOSMER,
JOHN E. ROWELL,
JOHN B. TYLER.

REPORT OF CATTLE INSPECTOR.

Number of hogs killed from Feb. 1, 1895, to March 1, 1896.....	185
Diseased as tuberculous, not any.	
Number of calves killed from Feb. 1, 1895, to March 1, 1896.....	98
Diseased, not any.	
Number of cows killed for beef.....	5
Of these 5 cows, one proved to be tuberculous, and one was condemned as unfit for food; found abscesses in the liver.	
Number of cattle condemned and killed from Feb. 1, 1895, to March 1, 1896.....	138
Of these, 108 were killed in Billerica and 30 were killed in Watertown.	
Number of examinations made in the 13 months.....	1.743
One lot of swine, 24 in number, are now in quarantine.	
The whole amount of money which has been paid or is now due the owners of condemned cattle is.....	\$5,244 25
The amount which has been paid or is now due the owners for keeping cattle after the 10th day of quarantine.....	\$347 75

WM. H. HUTCHINS,

Cattle Inspector.

BILLERICA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Billerica Historical Society organized in 1894, has recently been incorporated according to the laws of the state, and the necessary documents were received on Friday, February 21.

The past year has been fruitful in events important to Billerica.

According to the census of 1895, the population of the town is 2,580, an increase in ten years of 419, or 19.39 per cent.

On Tuesday, May 28, the new liberty pole was raised on the common. This beautiful stick of timber came from the far off State of Oregon, and was part of a shipload of similar sticks that came to Boston by way of Cape Horn.

In this connection it is interesting to note the origin of the liberty-pole in this country. In contemporary newspapers for ten years preceding the commencement of our revolutionary struggle, liberty-poles and trees, and flags of various devices are frequently mentioned.

At the South part of the town (Boston) the trees, for which many have so great a veneration, were decorated with the ensign of loyalty. On the largest tree was fixed with large deck nails, that it might last, as a poet said, "like oaken bench to perpetuity," a copper plate, with these words stamped thereon in golden letters, "The tree of Liberty, Aug. 14, 1765."

After the repeal of the Stamp Act in 1766, the people in New York put up a liberty-pole in the fields on which was inscribed "The King, Pitt, and Liberty."

The soldiers openly insulted the people and cut down their liberty pole. On Dec. 17, 1765, Andrew Oliver, of Boston, distributor of stamps, resigned his office in presence of the Selectmen and over 2,000 people, at the liberty-tree.

This tree was cut down by British soldiers in the winter of 1775-76. It stood on Washington Street, opposite Boylston Street, where now stands a building called the Liberty-tree block.

On August 15, at the residence of Mr. Edward J. Hill, the two-hundredth anniversary of the Indian Massacre at North Billerica, was commemorated by an address by Capt. Paul F. Nason, and other appropriate exercises in presence of a large number of the citizens of this and other towns.

On October 15th, the electric cars from Lowell first came to Billerica Centre. They had been running about two years to North Billerica, to the great convenience of the people of that village.

On November 8th, the new Town Hall, finished at a cost of \$37,190, was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. An address was delivered by Rev. Minot J. Savage of Boston. A large audience filled the auditorium, and the town officers of this and other towns, and other invited guests occupied the stage. A dinner served in the banquet hall and a ball in the evening pleasantly closed the exercises.

On Tuesday, December 10, electric cars from Reading first appeared in Billerica, and the road has been fairly well patronized through the winter.

At North Billerica, the new street from the head of Lowell Street, to the Fordway, will greatly improve the appearance of that village. The erection of the large brick building on their premises by the Talbot Manufacturing Co., and other improvements, give evidence of the prosperity and enterprise of this corporation.

By the courtesy of the Selectmen, the Historical Society insert these few notes in the town report.

CHARLES E. HOSMER,

Historian.

POLICE REPORT.

To the Board of Selectmen :

Gentlemen—In compliance with the regulations of the Police Department we submit the following report :

There have been 31 arrests for the following causes :

Assault.....	3
Disorderly conduct on street car.....	1
Drunkenness.....	15
Larceny from building.....	1
Larceny simple.	6
For keeping liquor for sale.....	1
Vagrant.....	1
Violation of Lord's day.....	3

DISPOSAL OF CASES.

Bound over to Grand Jury.....	1
Committed to Lowell Jail.....	2
Committed to House of Correction.....	1
Committed to State Farm.....	2
Delivered to out-of-town officers.....	1
Paid fines.....	13
Discharged at court.....	4

MISCELLANEOUS.

Burglaries reported.....	7
Cases investigated.....	28
Number of dogs killed.....	14
Strayed teams cared for.....	1
Intoxicated persons cared for.....	7
Lanterns placed in dangerous places.....	2
Persons locked up.....	4
Suspicious persons detained.....	3
Liquor seizures.....	2
Value of property reported stolen.....	\$453.80
Value of property recovered.....	\$62.50

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN CONWAY, JR.,
EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,

BILLERICA, Feb. 29, 1896.

Police Officers.

APPRAISAL OF TOWN TEAMS.

Four horses.....	\$430 00
Three carts.....	200 00
Three harnesses.....	110 00
Three sleds.....	50 00
Eight horse blankets.....	12 00
Road scraper.....	100 00
Halters and surcingles.....	5 00
Combs and brushes.....	1 50
Grain chest.....	5 00
Hay and grain.....	31 00
Scythes and snaths.....	4 00
Stove.....	6 50
Drag.....	2 00
Jack and wrenches.....	2 50
Stone hammers.....	1 50
Screen.....	1 00
Ploughs.....	8 00
Bars, picks and grubs.....	15 00
Fly nets and chains.....	8 00
Shovels and rakes.....	6 00
Axes and forks.....	2 00
Eveners.....	5 00
Derrick.....	25 00
Whiffletrees, bells and feed baskets.....	6 25
Pail, brooms and axle grease.....	3 00
Grindstone, lanterns.....	5 00
Blocks and canvas.....	6 00
Wheelbarrow.....	1 50
Powder and fuse.....	50
	\$1,053 25

FRANKLIN JAQUITH,
JOHN E. ROWELL,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,

Selectmen.

Report of Town Hall Committee.

As the report of the receipts and expenditures upon the Town Hall Account has been necessarily carried through two annual town reports, the Building Committee wish in this their final report to make a condensed statement, which shall be convenient for future reference.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation March 19, 1894.....	\$750 00
July 16, 1894.....	30,000 00
Premium and Interest on Bonds.....	1,840 67
Insurance upon Old Hall.....	1,500 00
Appropriation March 18, 1895.....	2,500 00
Interest on deposits.....	620 00
	<hr/>
	\$37,210 67

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Land and Surveying.....	\$1,204 00
Building.....	30,358 26
Architects.....	1,590 78
Furnishing.....	2,342 86
Grading and Draining.....	1,666 25
	<hr/>
	\$37,162 15
Balance on hand.....	<hr/>
	\$48 52

Your committee congratulate the town upon the completion of the building with no accident to any workman, with no friction or quarrels between architects, contractors, or anyone engaged upon the work. We also congratulate the town upon the fact that we are able to turn into the treasury an unexpended balance, and while this balance is small we are pleased that neither errors in calculations nor unforeseen contingencies compelled us to exceed the appropriations.

It may appear in the spring that a small quantity of crushed stone is required and that the bank along the southern line of hedge may need to be sodded, both of which, however, may be done at an expense within the balance to our credit.

We wish to thank the voters of all sections of our town for their manifestations of confidence in our committee as shown by their unanimous approval of our recommendations from the beginning, and we hope for such general satisfaction with the results of our work as may justify this confidence.

There are several clerical or typographical errors in the records of the previous reports of this committee as they appear in the annual town report for the year ending February 28, 1895, but nothing that specially calls for correction, except on page 63, line 30, after the word "work," strike out the following 21 words and begin the next word with a capital, viz.: "The cost of grading is the only item, &c."

J. NELSON PARKER,
FREDERIC S. CLARK,
JOSEPH JAQUITH.

TOWN OFFICERS.

W. W. Nason, salary.....	\$60 00
E. W. Livingston, salary to Nov. 1.....	28 00
J. N. Pardee, salary.....	60 00
Albert Jones.....	250 00
O. A. Flint, school committee.....	60 00
H. A. King, Town Clerk.....	150 00
Coburn S. Smith, assessor and overseer poor.....	190 00
John E. Rowell, assessor and overseer poor.....	110 00
Sears J. Cook, assessor and overseer poor.....	150 00
John A. Richardson, treasurer.....	250 00
Franklin Jaquith, selectman.....	112 50
John E. Rowell, selectman.....	112 50
E. B. Haskell, selectman.....	150 00

REGISTRARS.

Appropriation.....	\$60 00
A. W. Holden.....	\$15 00
H. A. King.....	15 00

SCHOOLS.

J. A. Baker, music teacher.....	\$500 07
Lewis T. McKenney, superintendent.....	797 96
	<hr/> \$1,298 03
Ruth K. Burrage, teacher.....	\$117 00
Celia P. Battles, teacher.....	347 00
Alma B. Bisbee, teacher.....	380 00
Helen L. Briggs, teacher.....	366 00
Mabel V. Foss, teacher.....	379 00
Grace L. Knowles, teacher.....	304 00
Mary A. Knowles, teacher.....	475 00
Jennie M. Livingston, teacher.....	342 00
Annie J. Page, teacher.....	380 00
Martha Page, teacher.....	380 00
Mary E. F. Shea, teacher.....	418 00
Lillian A. Warren, teacher.....	380 00
Katie A. Brown, teacher.....	240 00
M. A. Sampson, teacher.....	205 20
A. E. Doughty, teacher.....	100 00
E. B. Smith.....	13 20
	<hr/> \$4,826 40

Schools, appropriation \$7,300.00.

Geo. S. Perry & Co., supplies.....	\$11 40
Town of Burlington, supplies.....	11 56
American Book Co., supplies.....	2 07
Ginn & Co., supplies.....	9 92
George E. Simonds.....	28 00
Trull & Wier, advice.....	6 00
Martha A. Dodge.....	27 75
Geo. P. Greenwood, wood.....	10 00
Dr. O. A. Flint, telegram.....	1 10
L. T. McKenny, supplies.....	2 40
Houghton & Mifflin, supplies.....	4 40

H. D. Livingston, wood.....	\$11 50
J. Avison Baker, music.....	5 98
Houghton & Mifflin, supplies.....	5 10
J. L. Hammett, supplies.....	7 17
William Fenton, clock.....	3 75
Henry Shuman, repairs.....	2 10
Gay & Waterhouse, coal, Pollard School.....	220 00
Robert Stott, janitor.....	50 00
Favry M. Crehore, census.....	23 00
C. A. Pasho, janitor.....	3 50
T. G. Messer, janitor.....	61 16
B. S. O'Hare, janitor.....	3 00
James Dugan, janitor and sawing wood.....	3 50
James Barrington, repairs.....	5 05
H. C. Brown, repairs.....	2 80
Chester Pasho, janitor.....	3 00
Talbot Memorial Hall, use of.....	3 00
Gardner Parker Hall, use of.....	3 00
W. C. Phillips, coal.....	56 50
H. D. Livingston, wood.....	5 25
R. H. Blodgett, supplies.....	1 75
Talbot Mills, lumber and labor.....	5 95
Albert Stearns, sundries.....	28 50
George H. Hall, labor.....	93 24
Fred A. Morey, glass, etc.....	2 12
Mrs. Droun, cleaning school.....	3 00
Manitowoc Furniture Co., supplies.....	110 06
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight.....	14 14
Robert Stott, janitor.....	35 00
A. S. Brown, delivering supplies.....	1 50
D. Cutter, repairing clock.....	1 50
L. T. McKenney, supplies.....	2 30
T. G. Messer, janitor.....	60 50
Henry Sherman, lumber and labor.....	75 12
American Express Co.....	15
John Lane, janitor.....	8 00
W. C. Phillips, coal.....	11 00
W. H. Holland, wood.....	1 00
L. T. McKenney, supplies.....	2 10
Mrs. Dugan, cleaning school.....	5 00

Dr. O. A. Flint, supplies.....	\$2 21
H. C. Brown, supplies.....	34 31
J. L. Hammett, supplies.....	128 34
John B. Stearns, wood.....	3 50
T. G. Messer, janitor.....	9 24
W. M. Savin, supplies.....	14 50
J. L. Hammett, supplies.....	10 00
Ginn & Co., supplies.....	12 50
Burdett & Co., supplies.....	10 00
Ginn & Co., supplies.....	233 60
Fred H. Parker, supplies.....	18 25
George Miller.....	6 50
A. E. Wilson, janitor.....	20 00
A. E. Wilson, janitor.....	20 00
C. W. Flanders, repairing clocks ..	5 00
Victor J. Hosmer, lumber and labor.....	80 58
A. E. Wilson, janitor.....	20 00
Leach, Sherwell & Co., supplies.....	43 91
H. C. Brown, labor and supplies.....	8 31
J. L. Hammett, supplies.....	5 76
B. L. O'Hare, janitor.....	4 00
James Dugan, janitor.....	5 00
W. C. Phillips, coal put in.....	20 25
A. E. Wilson, labor, Pollard school.....	5 95
Wm. Flynn, janitor.....	8 75
John Kenyon, dictionary.....	30 00
L. T. McKenney, expenses telegraph and telephone.....	5 62
Thomas Bowen, labor.....	4 00
Robert Stott, janitor.....	60 10
William Marston, labor.....	5 50
C. H. Hill, wood.....	10 62
W. L. Gardner, labor.....	3 75
W. A. Holt, repairing clock.....	1 15
C. A. Pasho, janitor.....	5 00
L. T. McKenney, stamped envelopes.....	5 45
Butterfield Printing Co.....	2 50
Geo. H. Bennick, labor.....	17 08
A. O. Barnes, shade.....	1 00
Josiah Wright, 11 cords wood.....	33 50
Thompson Hardware Co., supplies.....	11 04

Leach, Sherwell & Co., supplies.	\$3 00
A. E. Wilson, janitor.....	20 00
W. W. Nason, expenses and sundries	2 00
J. F. Bruce, supplies.....	1 07
A. E. Wilson, janitor.....	20 60
W. W. Nason, sundries.....	2 00
Geo. F. Colson, supplies.....	62 75

LOCATION OF GUIDE BOARDS.

Board at corner of Russell and Mount Pleasant Street, North Billerica.

Board at corner of Tewksbury and Russell Street, North Billerica.

Board at junction of Tewksbury and East Billerica Road.

Board at junction of roads in woods leading from East Billerica to Tewksbury.

Board at East Billerica leading to Pattenville.

Board at Deacon King's, leading to Andover, and another board leading to Lowell.

Board at Mrs. Page's, leading to Wilmington, and one at Mr. Hopkinson's, leading to Wilmington and Silver Lake.

Board at junction of Salem and Andover Streets leading to Salem and Centre of Billerica, one at junction of Salem and Whipple Streets, leading to Salem and Wilmington.

Board at corner of Andover and Whipple Street, leading to East Billerica Station and Centre.

Board opposite Fox Hill Cemetery leading to Centre, Wilmington and Woburn.

Board at Mr. Hall's leading to Tewksbury, Andover and East Billerica.

Board at foot of hill near Cemetery Junction, leading to East Billerica, Tewksbury and Wilmington; one opposite Mr. E. Baker's leading to Tewksbury and Wilmington.

Board at watering trough in Centre, leading to Boston, Lowell and all adjoining towns.

Board near John Kittredge, leading to Salem and Wilmington.

Board opposite Mrs. J. Knowles, leading to Bedford to Lexington and Arlington.

Board near Mr. D. L. Mason, leading to Boston and Woburn; also one leading to Tewksbury Almshouse.

Board near Shawsheen River, leading to Lowell and Tewksbury.

Board south of river leading to Wilmington and Woburn.

Board at Dodge corner leading to Lowell.

Board at Hill's Cemetery, leading to Bedford, Carlisle and Chelmsford.

Board at C. H. Hill's corner, leading to Bedford; also one at South Billerica Depot leading to Bedford and Billerica.

Board at Cook place, leading to Tewksbury and Wilmington.

Board corner Main and Lowell Streets, leading to North Billerica, Lowell and Centre.

Board at J. Conlon's, leading to Chelmsford.

Board at Cowdry place, leading to Lowell, Chelmsford and Carlisle.

Board at Manning place, leading to West Billerica and Chelmsford.

Board near Woods' corner, leading to Boston, Concord and Lowell; one near Bailey place, leading to Billerica Centre and Lowell; one on Carlisle Road, leading to Concord and Lowell.

Board corner Bridge, leading to West Billerica.

Board at Brown's corner, leading to Lowell and Boston.

Board at Preston's corner, one leading to Lowell.

Board corner Main and River Streets, leading to Chelmsford, Carlisle and Concord.

INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation, \$2,500.00.

Herbert A. King, salary, births, deaths and marriages...	\$52 10
Courier-Citizen Publishing Co., town reports	129 67
Edwin N. Ray, salary, auditor, 1893-94-95.....	35 00
S. M. Spencer & Son.....	50
C. N. Marland	3 25
C. N. Dimond & Co., stamps.....	2 20
T. F. Lyons, postage.....	17 01
W. H. Hutchins, salary, telegraph and fare, 1894.....	40 04
John A. Richardson, salary and postage	38 48
Martin Conway, Jr., salary as police, etc., for April.....	52 00
Martin Conway, Jr., salary as police, etc., for May.....	52 00
Shawsheen Lodge, use of hall.	21 00
Dr. O. A. Flint, Board of Health.....	7 50
John Harrington, salary, registrar 1894.....	15 00
H. W. Sheldon, survey and estimate for bridge at North Billerica	35 00
Thomas Groom, assessor's book.....	4 00
Martin Conway, Jr., salary, constable, etc.....	54 00
Albert Stearns, conveying prisoners.....	6 00
John H. Foster, insurance town hall.....	92 55
Estate Dudley Foster, postage.....	4 54
B. Walker, putting in coal Union Hall.....	11 75
Courier-Citizen Publishing Co., printing.....	5 00
Lowell Police Department.....	1 50
American Express Co., expressage on town reports.....	50
Martin Conway, Jr., salary as police.....	50 00
Mitchell Manufacturing Co., police badge.....	3 20
Shawsheen Lodge, rent	9 00
J. L. Simpson, raising flag.....	6 00
J. L. Simpson, special police	4 00
A. Stearns, use of teams.....	10 75
Martin Conway, Jr., salary, police, etc.....	54 00
Geo. C. Crosby, special police.....	4 00

Courier-Citizen Publishing Co., tax bills and postals...	\$7 00
C. McCusker, horse conveying prisoners.....	1 50
E. B. Colby, auditor 1894 and 1895.....	25 00
Dr. C. A. Hosmer, itemizing tax bills.....	15 00
J. C. Parker, grading at Union Hall.....	10 50
Patrick Riley, land damage.....	150 00
Albert Stearns, team for prisoners.....	6 00
Martin Conway, Jr., salary, police, etc.....	54 00
Henry M. Hutchins, team.....	4 50
Town of Tewksbury, tax.....	9 75
Fred H. Parker.....	90
Richard T. Perry, auditor 1894 and 1895.....	25 00
Anthony Jones estate, land damage.....	15 00
Fred A. Morey, sundries.....	119 96
Talbot Mills, labor on pump.....	1 05
Herbert A. King, repair jury box.....	1 65
Martin Conway, Jr., police constable, etc.....	50 00
Courier-Citizen Publishing Co., precinct books.....	17 25
Sidney A. Bull, seals.....	5 00
Martin Conway, Jr., salary, police, etc.....	54 00
E. W. Livingston, fish warden. constable, etc.....	143 80
John B. Stearns, labor.....	2 00
Courier-Citizen Publishing Co., printing.....	17 25
Town Treasurer, work at Town Hall.....	26 50
E. W. Livingston, collecting dox tax.....	8 50
E. W. Livingston, police and car fare.....	69 80
Lowell police department.....	1 50
H. M. Hutchins, services as Registrar 1889 to 1895.....	90 00
Wright & Potter, printing.....	2 65
Fred A. Morey, coal.....	252 00
Patrick Kearney, special police.....	12 50
Walworth Manufacturing Co.....	67 73
H. H. Faulkner, telegram.....	50
C. W. Parker, janitor Odd Fellows Hall.....	2 00
Lowell Police Department.....	1 00
H. A. King, repair ballot boxes.	3 00
Martin Conway, Jr., constable.....	52 00
E. W. Livingston, services as police, janitor.....	50 00
E. W. Livingston, cuspidors Town Hall.....	8 88
Thomas McElligott, assistant inspector.....	33 70

T. F. Lyons, postage.....	\$7 69
J. L. Simpson, raising flag.....	2 00
Robertson & Co.....	10 00
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight.....	2 80
T. F. Lyons, stationery.....	1 28
Thomas Groom, stationery.....	3 00
A. O. Dane, special police.....	4 00
Martin Conway, Jr., constable, police, janitor.....	52 00
E. W. Livingston, constable, police, janitor.....	50 00
Frank Bartlett, labor T. pump.....	50
C. F. Barker, painting B. boards.....	11 34
J. Hutchins, sail cloth.....	51 50
Dr. J. B. Tyler, reporting births.....	2 25
Dumas & Co.....	1 25
Josiah Wright, labor pump and common.....	5 35
Lowell Police Department.....	2 00
J. H. Foster, agent insurance.....	120 00
Jackson Wright, labor.....	2 50
J. E. Blodgett, care town clock.....	23 00
H. D. Livingston, wood.....	3 50
Talbot Mills, oil.....	4 96
H. C. Brown, repairs Union Hall.....	9 75
Courier-Citizen Publishing Co., printing.....	6 25
Geo. H. Holt, repairs on pump, Centre.....	3 00
Geo. H. Holt, pump and labor, North Billerica.....	96 48
Martin Conway, Jr., police, constable, janitor.....	54 00
E. W. Livingston, police, constable, car fare.....	51 00
C. N. Marland, printing.....	1 25
Walworth Manufacturing Co., chimneys.....	1 20
American Express Co., express.....	55
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight.....	32
Dr. O. A. Flint, reporting births.....	4 75
George E. Stearns, telephone.....	40
Lowell Police Court.....	1 40
Martin Conway, Jr., police, constable, janitor, etc.....	50 00
Martin Conway, Jr., expense attending court.....	4 40
Andrew Handley, public watering trough.....	5 00
F. A. Morey, supplies.....	10 20
C. S. Smith, tax collector's book.....	2 00
H. A. King, births, death, marriages.....	30 60

E. W. Livingston, police court janitor.....	\$50 00
E. W. Livingston, teaming and car fare.....	1 20
E. B. Haskell, special police and postage.....	5 80
J. A. Richardson, book, ex. stationery.....	2 70
J. H. Foster, insurance town hall.....	127 50
Albert Stearns, return of deaths.....	4 25
H. A. King, stationery and ex.....	3 50

FISH WARDENS.

Appropriations.....	\$75 00
Feb. E. W. Livingston.....	\$37 50
Patrick Kearney.....	37 50
	<hr/> 75 00

STREET LIGHTING.

Appropriations.....	\$500 00
W. A. Evans, Treasurer N. B. V. I. A.....	\$250 00
R. B. Holden, Treasurer B. V. I. A.....	125 00
	<hr/> 375 00

LIBERTY POLES.

Appropriation.....	\$300 00
Billerica Centre.....	150 00

CONSTABLES.

Appropriation	\$90 00
Martin Conway, Jr.....	\$45 00
E. W. Livingston.....	45 00
	<hr/> 90 00
County tax.....	\$1,870 87
State tax.....	1,238 01

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriation.....		\$100 00
P. Tully, aid.....	\$13 50	
Ellen Murphy, aid.....	86 48	
Silas Cowdry, medical attendance and aid....	21 39	
	<hr/>	121 37

TAX COLLECTOR.

Appropriation.....	\$350 00
Albert H. Jones.....	250 00

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriations.....	\$100 00
B. W. Kearney.....	\$26 00
Miss M. Dodge.....	53 00
	<hr/>
	79 00

BRIDGES.

Appropriation.....	\$200 00
D. W. Fitch, labor.....	\$8 23
Burnham & Davis, lumber.....	45 61
“ “ “ middle bridge lumber....	122 63
“ “ “ corner “ “	29 40
“ “ “ lumber.....	19 47
D. W. Fitch, labor.....	26 34
H. C. Brown, railing corner bridge.....	1 46
	<hr/>
	253 14
	<hr/>
	\$53 14
Overdrawn.....	

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Special appropriation.....	\$500 00
Aug. 1895. Howe Lumber Co., lumber.....	\$18 81
Sept. “ Stickney & Austin.....	15 00
Oct. “ E. W. Livingston, labor.....	484 19
	<hr/>
	518 00

CEMETERIES.

Appropriation.....		\$150 00
E. W. Brown, mowing South Cemetery.....	\$10 00	
D. Cushing & Co., new gate at South.....	50 00	
		<hr/> 60 00
Unexpended.....		\$90 00

CATTLE INSPECTOR.

Appropriation.....		\$350 00
William H. Hutchins, salary.....		320 76
		<hr/>
Unexpended.....		\$29 24

CARE OF COMMON.

Appropriation.....		\$75 00
1895. R. B. Holden.....		75 00

ELECTION OFFICERS.

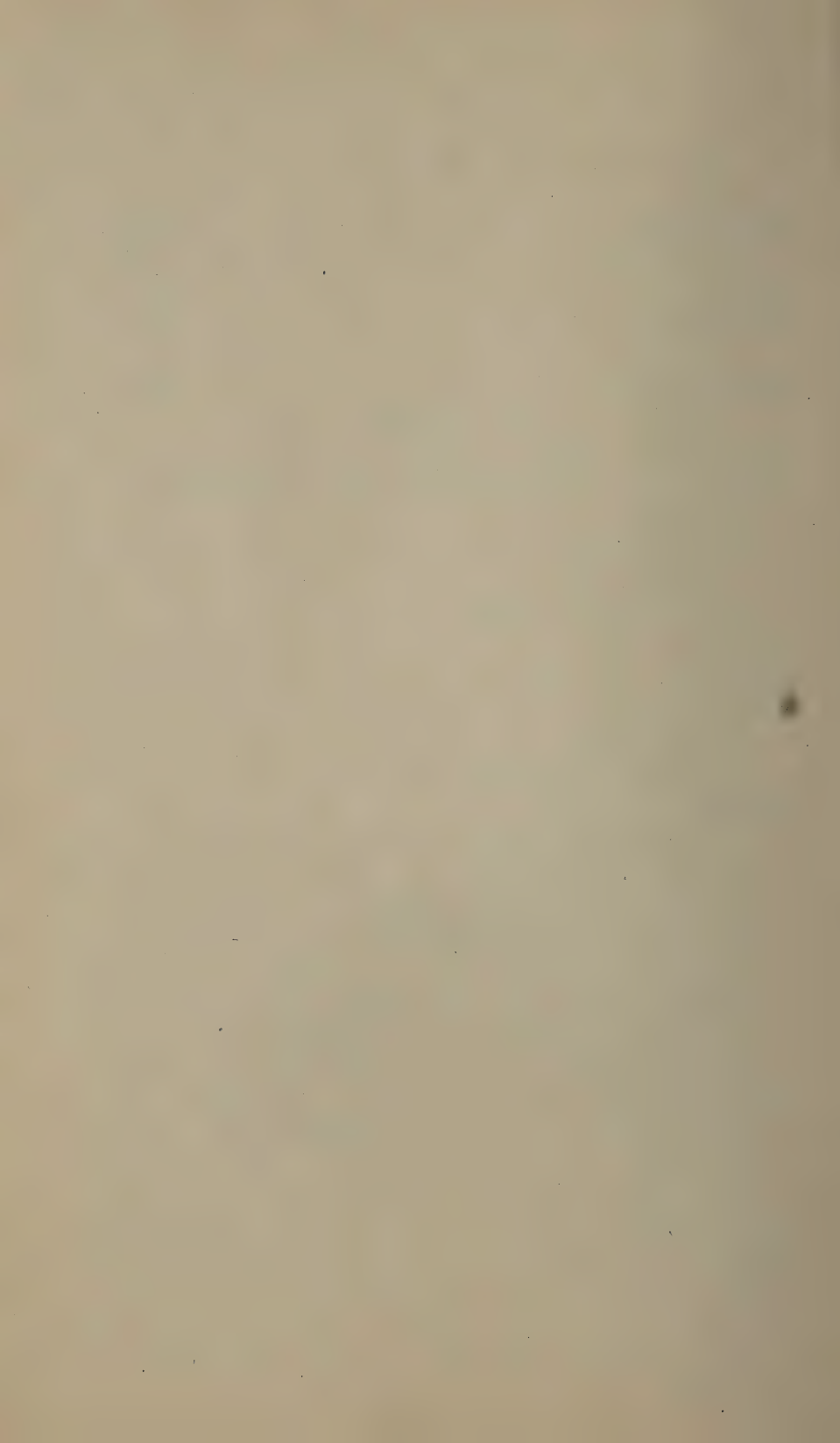
Appropriation.....		\$100 00
M. J. Coughlin, deputy inspector.....	\$5 00	
John J. Mahony, inspector.....	5 00	
William Chambers, deputy clerk.....	5 00	
Ernest Robinson, deputy warden.....	5 00	
Joseph Ellis, inspector.....	5 00	
Philip Dolan, inspector.....	5 00	
Clarence A. Bonman, deputy warden....	5 00	
Charles Lyons, deputy clerk.....	5 00	
Herbert A. King, warden.....	5 00	
Paul F. Nason, clerk.....	10 00	
M. J. McElligott, deputy inspector.....	5 00	
F. H. Parker, deputy inspector.....	5 00	
J. S. Holt, clerk.....	10 00	
A. S. Brown, warden.....	5 00	
Geo. F. Colson, inspector.....	5 00	
		<hr/> 85 00

DECORATION DAY, 1895.

Appropriation	\$125 00
Balance, 1894.....	8 78
	<hr/>
Total.....	\$133 78
Expenditures.....	101 52
	<hr/>
Balance on hand.....	\$32 26

COBURN S. SMITH,

Treasurer Billerica Veteran Association.



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF BILLERICA,
FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1895-96.

LOWELL, MASS.:
MORNING MAIL CO., PRINTERS.
1896.

ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL BOARD, 1895-96.

WILLIAM W. NASON, Chairman ; term expires 1896.

OMAR A. FLINT, Secretary ; term expires 1897.

JOSEPH N. PARDEE ; term expires 1898.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

Pollard, Richardson and Crosby Schools, W. W. NASON.

Talbot and Union Hall Schools, O. A. FLINT.

Hill and Spaulding Schools, J. N. PARDEE.

LEWIS T. MCKENNEY, Superintendent.

TEACHERS.

Pollard Grammar School,
MISS MARY A. KNOWLES.

Pollard Intermediate,
MISS ALMA B. BISBEE.

Pollard Primary,
MISS MARTHA F. PAGE.

Talbot Grammar School,
MISS CELIA P. BATTLES,
MISS ANNIE E. DOUGHTY.

Talbot Sub-Grammar,
MISS MARY E. F. SHEA.

Talbot Intermediate,
MISS A. LILLIAN WARREN.

Talbot Primary,
MISS M. A. SAMPSON.

Union Hall Intermediate School,
MISS KATE A. BROWN.

Union Hall Primary School.
MISS MABEL V. FOSS.

Richardson School,
MISS ANNIE J. PAGE.

Spaulding School,
MISS JENNIE M. LIVINGSTON.

Hill School,
MISS HELEN L. BRIGGS.

Crosby School,
MISS GRACE L. KNOWLES.

Truant Officers, Precinct No. 1, T. G. MESSER.

Precinct No. 2, MARTIN CONWAY, JR.

Report of the School Committee.

To the Citizens of Billerica :

In accordance with the laws and customs of this honored Commonwealth, the following annual school report is respectfully submitted.

It will be remembered that in attending to the duties of their office your committee have been governed by those motives which have for their object the greatest good to the greatest number, and that, as a board of directors, the superintendent included, they have endeavored in all cases to act unitedly and in substantial agreement. Realizing the importance of the trust confided to them, their aim has been to promote, with equal and impartial administration, the welfare of all the schools under their immediate care.

To this end they have given their conscientious service throughout the year. In addition to their regular monthly meetings for the transaction of school business, they have held various special meetings. Their visitation of schools and conferences with teachers have been frequent, they have welcomed all friendly suggestions and criticisms, and in the review of another year they are pleased to report that, to the best of their knowledge, the work of education and training as conducted in our thirteen common schools has been maintained with commendable zeal, and in the main, with gratifying results.

The only changes in our corps of teachers have been the resignation at the close of the spring term, of Miss Burrage and the election of Miss M. A. Sampson as teacher of the Talbot Primary

School; and following the resignation of Miss Battles in November, the election of Miss Annie E. Doughty, a graduate of the Farmington, Maine, Normal School, as teacher of the grammar department and principal of the Talbot Schools. At the opening of the fall term Miss Kate A. Brown was placed in charge of the Union Hall Intermediate School. In all other schools the teachers remain as by previous appointment.

We have noticed but few interruptions and consequent loss of time from the prevalence, as in other years, of contagious diseases. In general, good health has prevailed throughout the community, and as will be seen from the superintendent's report, the average of attendance and scholarship has been excellent.

The appropriations so generously voted have been judiciously expended. In addition to the repairs indicated in our last report as needful, various repairs and improvements not included in our estimates, yet involving considerable outlay have been made, and a portion of Union Hall, under lease of one year, has been temporarily furnished to accommodate an intermediate school of the third, fourth and fifth grades. The organization of such a school was deemed expedient, if not necessary, in order to relieve the somewhat crowded rooms of the Talbot Building, as also to accommodate residents in the Northerly part of the Village. If our expenditures have exceeded our appropriation fund the deficit is readily accounted for in the unexpected outlays attending the opening of this school; in the extra amount of fuel required for heating so large a room; in the plastering of the basement at the Pollard School, in the fencing of grounds at the Hill School, and other minor repairs and improvements not anticipated, but found to be necessary.

There is still room for improvement in the care and sanitary condition of our school buildings; and on account of the more stringent rulings regarding the care of buildings in which steam boilers are operated there will be need in this direction of increased expenditure. Retrenchment in school expenses might well begin by a return to the more primitive methods of heating.

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION.

Basing their judgment on the rate of increase in number of pupils during the past four years, and the evident trend towards expansion of manufacturing and business industries, your committee believe the time has arrived when definite action should be taken towards the provision of more permanent and suitable school accommodations at North Billerica. The present arrangement at Union Hall is not as economical as might be, and we are gratified that the committee appointed a year ago are to report the result of their inquiries at our approaching annual meeting.

This committee is composed of the following citizens: C. H. Kohlrausch, Jr., Bert Sheldon, Bernard Kearney, Joseph Talbot, and Arthur W. Holden.

SUPERINTENDENCE.

At the annual meeting of committees held in Bedford, April 20, 1895, Lewis T. McKenney was re-elected superintendent of the district embracing the towns of Billerica, Bedford, Burlington and Lincoln. By vote his salary was increased to \$1,750.00, of which amount Billerica's share is \$875.00, or, as in the apportionment of time, just one-half. The revenue from the state on account of superintendence is \$625.00 reducing the actual cost to \$250.00; certainly a moderate expense in consideration of the valuable services rendered by our superintendent.

The relations of your committee to the Howe School, by state allowance, also our High School, continue much the same as heretofore. By the terms of endowment its control is limited exclusively to the Board of Trustees; the responsibilities of the School Committee, aside from its supervision in common with our lower schools, being confined mainly to visitation, suggestion and inquiry. At a joint meeting held subsequent to the resignation of its late Principal, the statement was made by the Trustees that fidelity to their trust would admit of

no material change in its government. The funds were ample and it was asserted that the school would be maintained as a High School free of cost to the town. and under such management as would meet with the approval of Superintendent and Committee. There is evidence we think, of well advised action on the part of the Trustees in their choice of an able Principal, in the revision of the curriculum and other changes now in progress or contemplation.

The future of Billerica will demand more and better schools than we have,—let them come as they are needed, and as the town can provide for them.

We have in all nine graded and four ungraded or district schools, with an enrollment of 518 pupils.

It cannot be affirmed, however, that in all these schools the work of the year has been equally successful.

The ideal of teaching, as of school management, is yet far in advance of present attainment. Many theories and methods await, no doubt, the opportunity for development, and with the best of systems there is room for question and criticism. It may be that according to our graded system promotion is sometimes delayed, and scholars of exceptional aptitude are hindered by the dullness of others. We make no claim to perfection; nevertheless, along the lines of studies pursued, not excepting the department of music under the vigorous direction of Mr. J. Avison Baker, we are confident that in the majority of our schools there is evidence of marked progression.

Certainly, our educational advantages were never so good as at the present time. Never in its history, we believe, has the town of Billerica provided so liberally for its schools, and if the results are not commensurate,—if in some of our schools progress is slow and the advancement of pupils less rapid than could be desired, to what shall we ascribe the cause? Before entering their complaints against teachers, systems, or committees, would it not be eminently proper for parents and scholars to ask themselves if the fault is not, to a great extent their own,—are they making the best and the most possible of their advantages?

As in building, so in teaching, the quality of the material supplied has much to do with the character of the work performed. Teachers are not responsible for outside influence or lack of home training. Co-operation also on the part of parents with teachers is another essential to success in the school-room. Where these conditions are wanting, where distrust is the settled purpose, and children so far from being restrained, are encouraged in their opposition to all school authority, it is evident that the progress of pupils in their studies and behavior will fall short of their privileges and the highest advantages provided by state and town will avail them little.

Parents, who in the presence of children, speak ill of teachers, and in other ways manifest their prejudice as well as disrespect, can hardly realize the pernicious influence of their example, and they must utterly fail to see that the recoil of such a policy is wholly to their disadvantage.

Your Committee are constrained to the belief that numerous unjust and censorious criticisms have emanated from this unworthy source; from the prejudice, impatience and defection of those whose ideal of teaching and of school management are as yet unrealized. They cannot too strongly express their disapproval of such criticism while they deplore its demoralizing effect upon scholars, and, "with malice towards none, with charity for all," they recommend to parents the practice of the opposite policy; the cultivation of forbearance and such acquaintance with teachers as may assure them of their confidence and hearty co-operation.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

Appropriation.....	\$7,300 00	
Massachusetts School Fund.....	269 20	
State on account of Superintendent.....	625 00	
Received for tuition.....	6 00	
	—————	\$8,200 20

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers.....	\$4,806 47	
Superintendent.....	797 96	
Music	500 00	
Books and supplies.....	500 00	
Fuel.....	507 87	
Janitors	448 25	
Furniture.....	179 12	
Repairs	312 73	
Incidentals.....	142 51	
	<hr/>	\$8,194 91
Balance unexpended.....		<hr/> \$5 29

ESTIMATES FOR 1896.

Teachers.....	\$5,092 00	
Superintendent.....	250 00	
Music	500 00	
Books and supplies.....	500 00	
Fuel.....	600 00	
Janitors.....	624 00	
Repairs	200 00	
Incidentals	150 00	
Bills unpaid.....	317 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,233 00
Less state school fund.....		250 00.
		<hr/> \$7,983 00

We recommend that the sum of \$8,000.00 be raised and appropriated for school purposes the ensuing year.

W. W. NASON,
O. A. FLINT,
J. N. PARDEE,

School Committee.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

To the School Committee of Billerica:

GENTLEMEN—In presenting my fifth annual report of Billerica Schools I wish to say that your interest in the schools and your care in keeping the school buildings and grounds in a comfortable and attractive condition has been gratifying and encouraging to myself and the teachers, and I believe has not been unappreciated by the pupils. I am sure that the appearance of the buildings has furnished an object lesson in tidiness and thrift that can but have a salutary influence upon them. I believe the town's people are not unmindful of this proper care of school property and the comfort thus secured to their children.

The opening of the Intermediate School in Union Hall, as suggested in my last report, has relieved the crowded condition of the Talbot Intermediate and Sub-Grammar Schools, and also the Union Hall Primary, which would otherwise have been overcrowded this year.

The six schools at the North now number from thirty-two to forty-four pupils each, and as there are but two grades in a room, except the Union Hall Intermediate, which consists of three grades, they are in the best condition for good work of any schools in town, and we have a right to expect corresponding results from them. The opening of the Union Hall Intermediate School furnishes also quite improved accommodations to people living on the north side of the river, as no pupils now, below the sixth grade, cross the river to attend school. Although this school has labored under the disadvantages of occupying a room twice the size of its requirements,

furnished with movable seats, that have been a source of no little annoyance, it has been admirably conducted by the teacher, and the pupils have made excellent progress. The heating of this large hall has of course been expensive.

CHANGES OF TEACHERS.

But three changes and one addition have been made to the teaching force below the High School during the year. Consequently the school work has suffered but little interruption from this source, and, under the direction of faithful and efficient teachers, has been successful and progressive.

ATTENDANCE.

The attendance has improved this year, the average for all the schools based on the average membership being 92.91 per cent., as compared with 91.57 per cent. last year. This is practically an average of 93 per cent. and compares very favorably with the average for the state, which is but 91 per cent. The schools having an average of 95 per cent. or more, are as follows :

Union Hall Intermediate, 96.11 per cent.

Talbot Intermediate, 95.77 per cent.

Pollard Grammar, 95.23 per cent.

Richardson, 95.16 per cent.

All the others have over 90 per cent. except the Talbot Sub-Grammar, which has 86.95.

Prompt and regular attendance at school is a matter of no slight importance. It fixes right habits of punctuality and leads to a proper appreciation of time. Parents, of course, are chiefly responsible for the attendance of the children, but teachers can also do much to improve it. Here, as in all lines of school work, parents and teachers should act in sympathy.

The two potent forces working for the child's welfare are the home and the school. When these forces are antagonistic little

progress can be made ; when they are co-operative the very best results will follow. The school training can, at best, only supplement the home training ; it can never take its place. The home influence is unquestionably the stronger and may be made to wholly subvert the school influence. These two forces that mean so much to the child—upon which depends the welfare of the community and the safety of the country—should never be opposed to each other.

Teachers and parents labor for the same object—the right education of the children, and should, therefore, act in harmony and with mutual understanding. To this end it is incumbent upon teachers to improve every opportunity to become acquainted with the parents and the home life of their pupils. On the other hand, it is no less the duty of parents to know the teachers, whom they, in reality, employ and pay to aid them in the education of their children, and, as far as possible, to acquaint themselves with the management of the school. Beyond their opportunity to do this, they should have confidence in the right purpose and good judgment of the teacher, as against the narrow and biased judgment, and consequent often incorrect reports of the child, bearing ever in mind that the child's welfare and not his will must be made paramount. This common interest and common object should appeal strongly to parents to co-operate heartily with the teachers to secure the greatest benefit to their children.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

The interest in the school libraries continues. Pupils have manifested much interest in the books and have made good use of what they have. The Crosby School has added materially to its library with the income from its funds. I trust the other schools may receive aid and encouragement in adding more books to the small numbers they now have. Anything that friends of the schools may do in this line will be highly appreciated by the pupils and will, I believe, prove to be seed sown on good ground.

HOWE SCHOOL.

The sudden death of Mr. Tucker, who had served as the faithful and efficient principal of the Howe School for over twenty-five years, was a cause of deep sorrow to the whole community, in which he was universally held in high esteem. In his death, society lost a worthy member, education a zealous worker and earnest advocate, and many of us a beloved, personal friend.

Mr. Jones, elected to the principalship last fall, and his efficient assistant, Miss Stevens, are conducting the school in an excellent manner, and securing good results.

The discipline and spirit is good and pupils are industrious and interested in the school. Mr. Jones has prepared a scheme of studies, embracing three courses, that are as liberal as the present condition of the school will permit.

The Latin-English course aims to furnish a practical education of four years to all pupils who can attend that length of time, and who do not intend to continue their studies beyond the high school. The Classical course aims to fit pupils to enter any New England college. The English course furnishes a course of three years to pupils for whom Latin is not desirable, and who do not care to continue their studies for a longer time. The courses are appended to this report.

MUSIC.

The musical instruction has been conducted during the year as usual under the earnest direction of Mr. Baker, supplemented by the faithful work of the regular teachers with good results.

It ought to be a matter of much gratification to all parents that their children have the advantage of musical instruction, successfully conducted by an able teacher.

DRAWING.

The teachers in the fall term began the use of an excellent outline in drawing by Mr. Henry T. Bailey, state agent of drawing, prepared especially for rural schools. Already an improvement in this line of work appears over that done under the Prang system which has been in use. The present system requires the use of drawing paper instead of drawing books, and thus, while it is conducive to better results, it is less expensive.

As the question of the utility of drawing as a subject of study in the public schools has been raised by intelligent and thoughtful people, it may not be out of place to mention its advantages here. It is not the aim of the study in the public schools to make artists of the pupils; but, I believe, if properly taught in all the grades below the high school, most children will acquire sufficient proficiency in it to enable them to express their knowledge of many things that they could not portray with words. They may learn to use it to advantage in later life in mechanics, carpentry, science, and other lines of work. It is, in fact, a second language, and more effective than the language of words. But aside from its direct, practical utility, it is the best possible means of cultivating the important power of observation. It teaches the pupil to look carefully, and to see accurately, and whatever makes a child see makes him think. It cultivates too the æsthetic side of the child's nature which has been too much neglected. It teaches him to see and appreciate the beautiful in nature, which was created for no other purpose than to be seen and appreciated. Its value to the child depends almost wholly upon the nature of the instruction, as is the case with all subjects of study. But that it has a real value and a rightful place in the school curriculum there can be no question.

CHANGES IN BOOKS.

The introduction of Fry's series of geographies has been completed. The plan of these books leads the pupils to get the thought

rather than the words of the text, and are thus conducive to a more thoughtful comprehension of geography than any books we have before used on the subject, and the study has become at once more interesting and more profitable.

The introduction of new arithmetics has also been completed by putting into the schools Southworth's Essentials of Arithmetic, Book II. Both books in this series furnish a large amount of drill work, present clear solutions and explanations of principles, and give the best and most practical methods of work in all subjects of arithmetic to be found in any books with which I am acquainted.

With better text books in geography and arithmetic the work in these subjects is improving. Montgomery's United States Histories have also been placed in the hands of pupils in addition to other histories in use, and, under the plan of teaching this subject outlined in my last report, better results are secured.

I am deeply grateful to the people of Billerica and to the children for their many manifestations of good will and respect.

I thank the teachers for their loyalty and co-operation, and assure them that I am not unappreciative of the fact that whatever successful results have been secured are due largely to their earnest work.

I thank the members of this committee for your continued confidence and courtesy.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS T. McKENNEY,

Superintendent of Schools.

ROLL OF HONOR.

PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

HOWE SCHOOL.

Three Terms.

Alice Rogers.

Two Terms.

Lottie Cowdry,

Alden Hubbard,

Mary Hughes,

Harry J. Pasho,

Joseph Shuman.

One Term.

Ethel L. Buckley,

Henry Potts,

*Everett S. Bull,

Fannie Rogers,

Ethel M. Bowers,

*Elizabeth Rogers,

*Belle Holden,

Burton Robertson,

William Holly,

*Harry G. Sheldon,

Lucy B. Foster,

Edith Wild.

18

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

POLLARD.

Three Terms.

David Coulter.

Two Terms.

Alice B. Bailey,

Annie L. Fitch.

One Term.

Everett S. Bull,
J. Franklin Fuller,
J. Francis Fuller,
Francis G. Hibbard,
W. Edward Hibbard,

John M. Kennelly,
Martin L. Kennelly,
Fannie A. Rogers,
Burton H. Robertson,
Florence M. Young.

13

TALBOT.

One Term.

Elizabeth M. Buckley,
George Colson,

Joseph Higson,
Charles T. Sheldon.

4

TALBOT SUB-GRAMMAR.

Two Terms.

E. Alice Miller.

One Term.

Fred S. Auty,
William M. Bamforth,
George W. Carney,
George R. Colson,
Tirzah M. Dewhurst,
Charles E. Higson

Ambrose M. Hennessey,
Albert Hilton,
Marietta McCusker,
Mary E. Page,
Marion Ruth,
*Mary Shalloo.

13

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

POLLARD.

Three Terms.

Cora M. Rollins,

Wilbur I. Bull,

Two Terms.

Mary L. Murphy,

Harold D. Hutchins,

Valentine M. Rollins.

One Term.

Leroy W. Allen,
 Chester A. Allen,
 Alice B. Bailey,
 Alfred K. Bruce,
 Ada P. Crosby,
 Agnes A. Duren,
 17

Gertrude M. Fitch,
 Kenneth M. McElman,
 Thurza M. McElman,
 W. Arthur Sexton,
 Fred L. Smith,
 Harriet V. Wild.

TALBOT.

Three Terms.

Florence C. Broadbent,

Cecile M. Manning.

Two Terms.

Harold G. Brown,
 William M. Broadbent,
 Joseph Carney,
 Annie Collins,

Jessie M. Clisholm,
 May A. Ellis,
 Joseph McCusker,
 Clara E. Wain.

One Term.

Sarah E. Bamforth,
 *Florence Bradley,
 George W. Carney,
 Eben W. Carr,
 John Cox,
 Thomas Cox,
 Lizzie Fitzpatrick,
 Manuel J. Graham,
 Charles E. Higson,

Charles J. Hughes,
 M. Etta Hoar,
 Annie Hoar,
 Annie F. Moore,
 Mamie E. O'Brien,
 J. Agnes O'Connor,
 Lottie S. Potts,
 M. Ella Riley,
 Thomas A. Scanlon.

Arthur C. Smith.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

POLLARD.

Three Terms.

Leslie A. Bull.

Two Terms.

John E. Baker,

Albert R. Crosby.

One Term.

Albert C. Barker,

Bartholomew T. Hayes.

Grace H. Fitch,

John F. Hayes,

Josiah C. Fulsom.

Willard F. Robertson,

9

TALBOT.

Two Terms.

*George Wain.

One Term.

Clarence Bamforth,

Hazel Hutchins,

Charles Bradley,

Arthur Maloney,

Annie Collins,

Grace Moore.

7

MIXED SCHOOLS.

CROSBY.

Two Terms.

John R. Bowman.

One Term.

Annie Abele,

Archibald L. Mason,

Edith K. Mason,

Chester A. Pasho.

5

HILL.

Two Terms.

Alfred T. Lyons,

Nelson C. Pardee.

Warren B. Robinson.

One Term.

Philip D. Lyons,

Harry F. Waite,

Edwin C. Pardee,

Lucy M. Waite,

7

SPAULDING.

Two Terms.

Mary E. Lane.

One Term.

Elsworth F. Cowdry,

Harry G. Dutton,

Maud F. Cowdry,

F. Lillian Nickles,

Hilda M. Nickles.

6

RICHARDSON.

Two Terms.

Etta Burns,

Richard Burns,

Ruby E. Burns,

Milo B. King,

C. Belle Burns,

Frank A. Spaulding,

One Term.

William A. Burns,

James J. McGrath,

Eva R. Colby,

Alden B. Richardson,

William M. Glover,

Albert H. Richardson,

Freda R. Stahle.

13

*Tardy once.

Total names on Roll of Honor, 142.

NOTE.—Names of pupils in Union Hall Schools entitled to go on Roll of Honor not reported.

SCHOOL CALENDARS FOR 1896-7.

LOWER SCHOOLS.

Spring term commences March 9, closes June 19; 15 weeks.

Fall term commences September 7, closes December 18; 15 weeks.

Recess from Wednesday night before Thanksgiving to following Monday.

Winter term commences December 28, closes February 19, 1897; 8 weeks.

HOWE SCHOOL.

Spring term commences March 24, closes June 19; 13 weeks.

Examination of pupils for admission Thursday, June 18, nine o'clock.

Fall term commences September 1, closes November 27; 13 weeks.

Winter term commences December 8, closes March 12; 14 weeks.

 STATISTICS.

Number of children enumerated in town, May 1, 1895, between the ages of 5 and 15 years.....	460
Number enumerated at the same time between 8 and 14.....	289
Number of pupils enrolled in the public schools.....	554
Number enrolled last year.....	522
Increase	32
Number of children enrolled under 5 years of age.....	11
Number enrolled over 15 years of age.....	33
Number enrolled between 5 and 15 years of age.....	510
Number enrolled between 8 and 14 years of age.	318
Number of school-houses occupied.....	8
Number of school-rooms occupied.....	14

NOTE.—Names of pupils in Union Hall Schools entitled to go on Roll of Honor not reported.

SUMMARY.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS,	Enrollment.	Average membership.	Average daily attendance.	Per cent. of daily attendance	Tardiness.	Dismissals.	Time lost by tardiness and dismissal days.	Teachers' Salaries.	Length of school in weeks.
Pol. Land Mixed										
Crosby.	Grace L. Knowles	18	11.86	11.02	93.93	15	4	1.20	\$304.00	38
Hill.	Helen L. Briggs	28	19.66	18.14	92.94	66	86	14.00	366.00	38
Richardson.	Annie J. Page	48	34.24	32.58	95.16	63	98	16.66	380.00	38
Spaulding.	Jennie M. Livingston	30	17.93	16.25	90.62	21	37	4.94	342.00	38
Grammar.	Mary A. Knowles	32	28.43	27.07	95.23	75	100	12.72	475.00	38
Intermediate.	Alma B. Bisbee	46	39.47	37.04	93.83	111	110	20.86	380.00	38
Primary.	Martha F. Page	60	37.51	33.94	90.49	76	21	5.37	380.00	38
Grammar.	Celia P. Batties	26	28.93	26.16	90.42	110	121	*	475.00	38
Sub-Grammar.	Annie E. Doughty	57	45.76	40.30	86.95	17	323	52.29	418.00	38
Intermediate.	Mary E. F. Shea	58	41.62	39.86	95.77	13	114	19.51	380.00	38
Primary.	A. Lillian Warren	54	39.14	35.85	91.59	65	65	13.13	335.00	37
Intermediate.	Ruth K. Burrage	42	29.83	28.67	96.11	30	28	4.69	240.00	24
Primary.	Kate A. Brown	59	34.37	32.11	93.17	34	85	12.42	380.00	38
High.	Mabel V. Foss	452	34.87	33.32	95.21	..	10	..	..	..
	A. M. Jones, A. B., Principal									
	Nettie M. Stevens, Assistant									
Total.....		570	444	412	92.91	..	..	..	..	..

* No record.

† Enrollment 32. All but two enrolled elsewhere in Town during year.

‡ Enrollment of Howe School, 52; of these, 33 not enrolled elsewhere in Town during year.

Courses of Study Offered at the Howe School, Billerica, Mass.

LATIN ENGLISH COURSE.

	Fall Term.	No. of Pe- riods	Winter Term.	No. of Pe- riods	Spring Term.	No. of Pe- riods
FIRST YEAR....	Lessons in Latin.....	5	Lessons in Latin.....	5	Lessons in Latin.....	5
	Lessons in English.....	4	Lessons in English.....	4	Lessons in English.....	4
	Algebra.....	4	Algebra.....	4	Algebra.....	4
	Commercial Arithmetic.....	4	Grecian History.....	4	Roman History.....	4
	Civics.....	1	Civics.....	1	Civics.....	1
SECOND YEAR..	Cæsar and Composition.....	1	Cæsar and Composition.....	4	Cæsar and Composition.....	4
	Geometry.....	5	Geometry.....	5	Geometry.....	5
	English Authors.....	3	English Authors.....	3	English Authors.....	3
	English Composition.....	1	English Composition.....	1	English Composition.....	1
	Physics.....	5	Physics.....	5	Physics.....	5
THIRD YEAR..	Cicero and Composition.....	4	Cicero and Composition.....	4	Cicero and Composition.....	4
	Lessons in French.....	4	Lessons in French.....	4	Lessons in French.....	4
	English Authors.....	2	English Authors.....	2	English Authors.....	2
	English Composition.....	1	English Composition.....	1	English Composition.....	1
	English History.....	3	English and French History.....	3	French History.....	3
FOURTH YEAR..	Chemistry.....	4	Chemistry.....	4	Chemistry.....	4
	Virgil's Æneid.....	5	Virgil's Æneid.....	5	Virgil's Æneid.....	5
	French.....	3	French.....	3	French.....	3
	English.....	3	English.....	3	English.....	3
	Geology.....	3	Astronomy.....	3	Physiology.....	4
	History of English Literature.	4	History of English Literature.	4	Botany.....	3

CLASSICAL COURSE.

	Fall Term.	No. of Pe- riods	Winter Term.	No. of Pe- riods	Spring Term.	No. of Pe- riods
FIRST YEAR....	Lessons in Latin.....	5	Lessons in Latin.....	5	Lessons in Latin.....	5
	Lessons in English.....	4	Lessons in English.....	4	Lessons in English.....	4
	Algebra.....	4	Algebra.....	4	Algebra.....	4
	Commercial Arithmetic.....	4	Grecoan History.....	4	Roman History.....	4
	Civics.....	1	Civics.....	1	Civics.....	1
SECOND YEAR..	Cæsar and Composition.....	4	Cæsar and Composition.....	4	Cæsar and Composition.....	4
	Lessons in Greek.....	5	Lessons in Greek.....	5	Lessons in Greek.....	5
	English Authors.....	3	English Authors.....	3	English Authors.....	3
	English Composition.....	1	English Composition.....	1	English Composition.....	1
	Geometry.....	5	Geometry.....	5	Geometry.....	5
THIRD YEAR...	Cicero and Composition.....	4	Cicero and Composition.....	4	Cicero and Composition.....	4
	Xenophon and Composition.....	4	Xenophon and Composition.....	4	Xenophon and Composition.....	4
	Lessons in French.....	4	Lessons in French.....	4	Lessons in French.....	4
	English Authors.....	2	English Authors.....	2	English Authors.....	2
	English Composition.....	1	English Composition.....	1	English Composition.....	1
FOURTH YEAR.	English History.....	3	English and French History.....	3	French History.....	3
	Virgil's Æneid.....	5	Virgil's Æneid.....	5	Virgil's Æneid.....	5
	Homer's Iliad.....	4	Homer's Iliad.....	4	Homer's Iliad.....	4
	French.....	3	French.....	3	French.....	3
	English.....	3	English.....	3	English.....	2
	Geology.....	3	Astronomy.....	3	Physiology.....	4

ENGLISH COURSE.

•	Fall Term.	No. of Pe- riods	Winter Term.		No. of Pe- riods	Spring Term.		No. of Pe- riods
			Lessons in English...	Algebra...		Lessons in English...	Algebra...	
FIRST YEAR...	Lessons in English.....	4	Lessons in English.....	Algebra.....	4	Lessons in English.....	Algebra.....	4
	Algebra.....	4	Grecian History.....	Physics.....	4	Roman History.....	Physics.....	4
	Commercial Arithmetic.....	4	Physics.....	Civics.....	5	Physics.....	Civics.....	5
	Physics.....	5	Civics.....	English Authors.....	1	Civics.....	English Authors.....	1
SECOND YEAR..	Civics.....	1	English Authors.....	English Composition.....	3	English Authors.....	English Composition.....	3
	English Authors.....	3	English Composition.....	Geometry.....	1	English Composition.....	Geometry.....	1
	English Composition.....	1	Geometry.....	Lessons in French.....	5	Geometry.....	Lessons in French.....	5
	Geometry.....	5	Lessons in French.....	Chemistry.....	4	Lessons in French.....	Chemistry.....	4
THIRD YEAR...	Lessons in French.....	4	Chemistry.....	English Authors.....	4	Chemistry.....	English Authors.....	4
	Chemistry.....	4	English Authors.....	English Composition.....	2	English Authors.....	English Composition.....	2
	English Authors.....	2	English Composition.....	English and French History ..	1	English Composition.....	French History.....	1
	English Composition.....	1	English and French History ..	French ..	3	French History.....	French ..	3
THIRD YEAR...	French.....	3	French ..	Astronomy.....	3	French ..	Physiology	3
	Geology.....	3	Astronomy.....	History of English Literature..	3	Physiology	Botany	3
	History of English Literature..	4	History of English Literature..		4	Botany		4

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

To be held March 16, 1896.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
MIDDLESEX, SS. }

To Everett W. Livingston, Constable of the Town of Billerica.

GREETING :—

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Billerica qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, March 16, at 9.30 in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To determine the number of Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, Auditors, Constables, Collector of Taxes.

ART. 3. The Polls will be open, in accordance with the by-laws of the town, for the election of the following town officers, on one ballot, for one year. Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Collector of Taxes, one or more Constables, one member of the Board of Health, for three years ; one member of the School Committee, for three years ; one member of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, for three years.

ART. 4. To see if the town will choose Highway Surveyors, and all other necessary town officers.

ART. 5. To choose a member of the Bowers' Fund Committee, for a term of five years.

ART. 6. To see what method the town will adopt for the Collection of Taxes, for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see if the town will accept the revision of the Jury box made by the selectmen, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 8. To vote on the following questions, viz.: Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Billerica? Yes, or No.

ART. 9. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen, and all other town officers and committees, heretofore appointed.

ART. 10. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray the town expenses for the ensuing year, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 for the use of the Veterans, on memorial day.

ART. 12. To see what method the town will adopt for the repair of the Roads and Bridges, the ensuing year.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to employ a Superintendent, or supervisor of Schools, for the ensuing year.

ART. 14. To hear report relative to the approval of Town By-Laws, by the Superior Court, and to see if the town will amend the by-laws adopted at last annual meeting, or do anything in relation to same.

ART. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00, to be divided between the V. I. A., of North Billerica and Billerica Centre, to be expended by them for street lighting, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 16. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for straightening and widening the road from Jones' corner to the Fordway bridge, or do anything in relation to the same, as ordered by the County Commissioners.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take in obtaining a State Highway, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 18. To see if the town will purchase a Stone Crusher, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 19. To see if the town will appoint a committee to investigate the subject of a water supply, and will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1000.00 to defray the expense of such investigation, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 20. To see if the town will appoint a committee to investigate the subject of a Bridge above the Talbot mills dam, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to use the interest of the Abbot Singing Fund, or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 22. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to remove the evergreen trees on the common.

ART. 23. To see if the town will pay Gardner E. Spaulding, the sum of \$21.00, and Benjamin Walker, the sum of \$4.50, unpaid balances, for carrying school children, in 1893.

ART. 24. To see if the town will authorize and direct the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow temporarily, in anticipation of taxes of the present municipal year, and give the negotiable note, or notes of the town for Money so borrowed, and that all such temporary loans shall be paid from the said taxes.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one copy at the Town Hall, one copy in each of the Post-offices of the town, and one copy in each of the porches, or vestibules of the several churches in town at least eight days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, this fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

FRANKLIN JAQUITH,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,
JOHN E. ROWELL,

Selectmen of Billerica.

A true copy. Attest:

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON,
Constable.

Estimate of Appropriation by the Selectmen for 1896.

	Estimate of Appropriation for 1896.	Amount of Appropriation for 1895.
Schools.....	\$8,000 00	\$7,300 00
Highways.....	4,500 00	5,000 00
Bridges.....	100 00	200 00
Fire Department.....	700 00	800 00
Town Farm.....	1,000 00	1,000 00
Outside Relief.....	1,000 00	1,200 00
Debt appropriation.....	3,000 00	2,550 00
Interest.....	1,700 00	1,800 00
Incidentals.....	1,500 00	2,500 00
Constable, janitor and police.....	1,200 00	
State tax, }		
County tax, }	3,500 00	4,000 00
Selectmen.....	375 00	375 00
Assessors.....	250 00	250 00
Overseers of Poor.....	200 00	200 00
School Committee.....	180 00	180 00
Constables.....		90 00
Town Clerk.....	150 00	150 00
Town Treasurer.....	250 00	250 00
Tax Collector.....	350 00	350 00
Election Officers.....	100 00	100 00
Soldier's Relief.....	100 00	100 00
Cattle Inspector.....	275 00	350 00
Registrar of Voters.....	60 00	60 00
Cemeteries.....	150 00	150 00
Fish Warden.....	100 00	75 00
Sidewalks.....	200 00	100 00
Common.....	75 00	75 00
Sinking Fund and Bond Interest.....	200 00	2,000 00
Board of Health.....	50 00	

